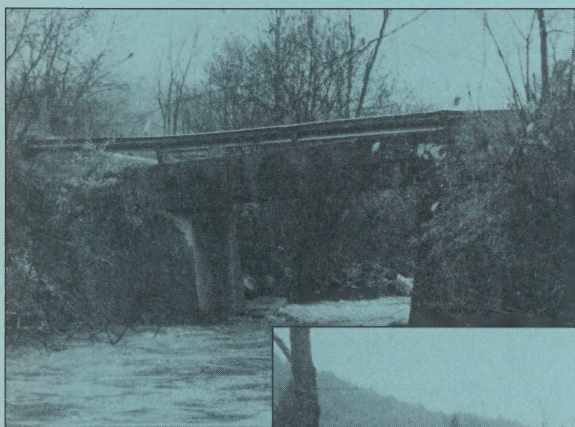


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Annual Report WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Town Officers

for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

School District Officers

for the Year Ending June 30, 1996

The 1996 Annual Town Report
is dedicated
to the memory of

Grace E. Stone
September 4, 1894 to January 18, 1997
102 Years Old

&

Forrest F. Hall
January 30, 1893 to January 30, 1997
104 Years Old

Both Grace and Forrest spent their lives in Westmoreland and we recognize
all that these centenarians have given to our Town.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND, N.H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1995

Cover Photos

High water damage done to the Aldrich Road Bridge by a heavy rainstorm on October 28, 1995 caused it's closing and eventual replacement with a new 61' concrete box beam bridge.

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Lloyd Draper Robert W. Moore, Jr. Linn Starkey, Jr.

MODERATOR

R. Bruce Smith

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

SECRETARY

JoAnn LaBarre

TREASURER

Kathryn DeFreitas

AUDITORS

Stuart West Walter Niland

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey Mary Matthews Barbara Messer

CONSTABLE

James Brisson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Elizabeth McKenney Frances Laurent Suzanne Draper

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Virginia Daschbach Teresa Starkey Terry Cox

ROAD AGENT

Wesley Staples

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Theresa Acerno Virginia Acerno

BUILDING CUSTODIAN

Arthur Ainsworth

WELFARE OFFICER

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre

Carlson Barrett

Donald Hall

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Patricia Bentrup, Chm.

*Walter Carroll

Richard Frye

France Laurent

Robert Moore, Jr.

Michael Acerno

PLANNING BOARD

Wesley Staples, Chm.

Reginald Simino

Alan Johnson

Thomas Hanna

Linwood Burt

James Ashworth

Linn Starkey, Jr.

Lauren Bressett, Alt.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

R. Bruce Smith, Chm.

Brenda Shelley

Barry Shonbeck

Peter Remy

John Burt

April Ferguson, Alt.

Helen Draper, Clerk

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

William Huntley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wesley Staples

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Janice Kos

Stuart Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chm.

Jean Rudolph

John Lukin

Mary Fredette

Walter Derjue

Maxine Houle

Frances Laurent

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Cox, Chm.

Susan Harris

David Bressett

Mark Ferenc

Thomas Ainsworth

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Craig Brown, Pres.

Maxine Houle, Vice Pres.

Barbara Jenkins, Sect.

Frances Laurent, Treasurer

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Judy Rancourt, Chm.

Mark Simino

Charles Staples

Steven Houle

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Sarah Bonneau, Westmoreland

John Pratt, Walpole

*Resigned

TOWN MEETING
March 12 & 13, 1996

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at 8:00 a.m. with the reading of Article One & Two of the Town & School Warrants and declaring the polls open. The remainder of the Articles to be considered on Wednesday, March 13, 1996 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 15, 1996 for the School Warrant, each at 7:00 p.m. after a recess. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 1996 by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith.

Article 1 - To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows:
Total ballots cast was 374 of the registered 911 = 41%.

for three years	Selectman Lloyd Draper	210
for one year	Treasurer Kathryn DeFreitas	357
for one year	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindi H. Adler	360
for one year	Briggs Fund Committee Theresa Acerno	56
for one year	Virginia Acerno	34
for three years	Trustee of the Library Virginia Daschbach	323
for two years	Moderator R. Bruce Smith	102
for three years	Trustee of the Cemetery Donald E. Hall	349
for three years	Budget Committee Frances E. Laurent	209
for two years	Auditor Stuart West	31
for three years	Trustee of Trust Funds Elizabeth McKenney	331
for one year	Overseer of the Poor Robert W. Moore, Jr.	344
for six years	Supervisor of Checklist Marcia Starkey	348

The above were declared elected by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith

Article Two - *(By Petition) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Westmoreland.

By vote on the Official Ballot Yes 148 No 197 Declared in the Negative by Moderator.

Article Three - To hear the reports of Agents & Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr.

No Discussion. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Four - To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund.

Motion made by Robert Moore, Jr. to give moneys of the fund to the Town Library, seconded by Terry Cox. Discussion ensued.

Timothy Thompson questioned the amount of moneys we are talking about. In 1995, the amount was \$163, and it was given to the Library. Amendment to the Motion by Elizabeth McKenney, to give the moneys this year to the Cemetery Trustees to care for the Jotham Lord Cemetery and other small cemetery needs here in Town. Amendment was seconded by Edwin Johnson. Discussion ensued. The amount this year is \$161. Questioned whether the Library actually depends on this moneys each year. Terry Cox spoke for the Library stating the Library Trustees do not depend on it but it is always well accepted and well used when it is received. The amendment was then accepted by voice vote. The Amended Article was then voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Five - To see if the Town would permit school activities and the playing of basketball in the Town Hall under regulations prescribed by the Selectmen, until the next Annual Meeting.

Motion moved by A. Richard Chase, seconded by Barry Jordan.

No discussion. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Six - To see if the Town will vote to accept new Cemetery Trust Funds in the amount of \$13,262.71.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Robert Moore, Jr.

Discussion ensued. Carlson Barrett spoke on the Article stating that the moneys were from the North Cemetery for the upkeep and repairs of tombs, stones, etc. and is to go to the newly formed Cemetery Trustees of the Town for these uses. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Seven - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept real estate held by the East Cemetery Association.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr.

No discussion. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Eight - *(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of N. H. and the US Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties).
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter.
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures.
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and

5. Remedies, such as free broadcasting time, postal subsidies and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich or poor.

Motion moved by Richard Daschbach, seconded by George Duke. Discussion ensued. Richard Daschbach spoke on the article stating that is a lot of words with little meaning. It is meant to take the "cancer" out of body politics. Those with a lot of money have bought votes while those on limited means have less chances. Money is playing too important a role. R. Bruce Smith asked if other towns have this article on their Warrant. Richard replied that 30 towns in the state do. Richard Dugger questioned if the Town Meeting was the proper Forum for such an article stating that we should be concerning ourselves with issues of Town level, not the complex campaigning of national levels. Richard Daschbach stated that politics applies and appeals to the Town as the Town is the BEGINNING of the political level. He stated that if the article passes, the state representatives will get the word and take that with them to the state level. The Selectmen should write a letter to the state stating that we are backing this article and showing our concern. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Nine - To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Motion moved by Robert Moore, Jr., seconded by Kathryn DeFreitas. Discussion ensued. Kathryn DeFreitas spoke to the article stating that in 1970 an article was passed to pay Social Security fees out of even the smallest of salaries. This would treat the payments to these workers as fees and eliminate a lot of paperwork and frustration. Many towns are passing this article. Election workers would not have to pay this portion on their own, as questioned by Julia King. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Ten - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) to purchase a plow.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Richard Dugger questioned as to whether we could assume this is a snow plow (considering this winter). Elke stated that it is. Voted in the affirmative.

Moderator, R. Bruce Smith broke for a couple of minutes to introduce our new constable, James Brisson from the County Sheriff's Dept. He resides in Spofford and can be reached through Mutual Aid.

Article Eleven - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to purchase new doors for the highway garage.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Twelve - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion moved by Harry Nelson, seconded by Edwin Johnson. Discussion ensued. Frances Kambour questioned if there is a ceiling amount on this fund, what it is, what is the goal of the fund and how close is the Town to achieving this goal. Harry Nelson explained that there is no ceiling amount, the goal is a new fire truck and a new truck is presently running the area of \$150,000, of which we have \$29,395 in the fund at present. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Thirteen - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Revaluation

Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion moved by Linn Starkey, Jr., seconded by Elke Hanna. Discussion ensued. Thomas Hanna questioned the amount needed to achieve this goal and the amount presently in the fund. Stuart West questioned when the Town anticipates on reevaluating. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that there is presently \$15,637 in the fund and that the Selectmen have no date in sight and explained the Appropriation Ratio. Voted in the affirmative.

Article Fourteen - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) for the replacement of Bridge #137/127 on Aldrich Road and to apply to the State of NH for Bridge Aid. The Town portion raised to be \$28,000 with the remainder of \$132,000 from the State of NH. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommended this appropriation.

Motion moved by Robert Moore, Jr., seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Amendment by Elke Hanna to raise and appropriate \$200,000, with the Town portion to be \$40,000 and \$160,000 from the State of NH. Amendment seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Discussion ensued. Elke Hanna stated that she has a conflict of interest possibly since she lives on the other side of the bridge under discussion. The figures were all estimated and the Selectmen have to follow each step very carefully in order to receive the Bridge Aid. The preliminary designs need approval, then the detailed designs need approval and then the construction needs to be put out to bid. Therefore, they have all estimates up to this point and this would cause any immediate problems by raising a little more and the possibility of another meeting to raise more money to cover if it should exceed. Reginald Simino questioned as to the need to raise \$200,000 when only \$40,000 is needed by the Town. Robert Moore, Jr. explained that in keeping with the Municipal Budget Act, we must enter it this way, offsetting it by income in the bottom line figure. Amendment voted in affirmative. Amended Article voted in the affirmative.

Article Fifteen - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$632,325 which represents the bottom line of the posted budget (MS-7). Said sum in inclusive of all specific articles recommended.

Motion moved by Elke Hanna, seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Amendment made by Robert Moore, Jr. to increase the sum to \$672,325 to include the increase from Article Fourteen. Amendment seconded by Elke Hanna. Discussion ensued. Robert Moore, Jr. explained the bottom line changes due to Article Fourteen. Thomas Hanna expressed his concern in that the moneys from the Jotham Lord Fund did not go to the Library if they anticipate this money to given them each year. Richard Daschbach questioned Terry Cox as to whether it was anticipated that they would receive or a total shock that they did not. Terry stated that it is not anticipated in the budget and that they do not count on it but it is typically given to the Library, and the Library is always grateful for moneys received. Both the Library and the Cemetery are very important institutions. Amendment voted in the affirmative. Amended Article voted in the affirmative.

Article Sixteen - To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Robert Moore, Jr. stated that the Selectmen received "Hugs and Kisses" from Elke Hanna before Town Meeting. We will all be sorry to see her go. Town record to show that Elke receives a rising vote of Thanks and Round of Applause.

Elke Hanna made motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Jack Maxson seconded. Voted in the affirmative.

Unapproved minutes.

Cindi H. Adler, Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the
[L.S.] County of CHESHIRE in said State
qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at TOWN HALL in
said WESTMORELAND on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of
March, next at 11:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the
following subjects:

- Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- Article 2.* Shall we modify Table 503 under "Uses Allowed by Special Exception" and add #2. Camp (Seasonal). This would include a written waiver that must be signed by landowners stating that they would waive rights to fire, police, and ambulance service and that it would not be used as a permanent residence? (The Planning Board does not recommend this amendment)
- Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment as proposed by the planning board for the town Building Ordinance as follows: Article III Floodplain Development Regulations. To add an overlay and supplement to existing regulations that pertains to all lands designated as special flood hazard lands by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the areas of definition of terms, regulations governing the building inspector and variances and appeals? (The Planning Board recommends this amendment)
- Article 4. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Westmoreland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence? (The Selectmen recommend this article)

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00 P.M. March 12, 1997 at the SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

- Article 5. To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.
- Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept new Cemetery Trust Funds in the amount of \$1550.00.

- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Expendable Trust from the South Village Cemetery Association in the amount of \$11,329.55. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this Article)
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept real estate held by the South Village Cemetery Association
- Article 10.* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to help support the work of the Community Kitchen, Inc., or to act in any way related thereto. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation)
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars(\$32,000) to purchase a one ton truck with plow.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to repair the Hatt Road Bridge (#124/061).
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purchase of a Fire Truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$14,000 to be raised by general taxation. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)
- Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$446,215.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.
- Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

Robert W. Moore, Jr.
Linn J. Starkey, Jr.
Lloyd F. Draper

*By Petition

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 1996	Actual Expenditures 1996	Selectmen's Budget 1997	Budget Committee Recommended 1997
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	\$18,000	\$17,214	27,000	27,000
4140 Elec., Reg. & Vital Stats.	7,300	7,425	6,500	6,500
4150 Financial Administration	13,000	12,688	13,000	13,000
4153 Legal Expenses	15,000	1,071	5,000	5,000
4155 Worker's Compensation	800	683	2,140	2,140
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,000	1,180	1,200	1,200
4194 General Government Bldg.	16,000	14,186	17,500	17,500
4195 Cemeteries	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
4196 Insurance-Contingency Fund	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	7,500	7,281	8,500	8,500
4215 Ambulance	9,500	5,506	9,500	9,500
4220 Fire & Rescue	15,000	14,945	16,600	16,600
4240 Building Inspection	1,500	2,475	1,500	1,500
4290 Emergency Management	1,015	906	1,015	1,015
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	78,000	79,795	82,000	82,000
4312 Highways & Streets	127,560	127,967	130,060	130,060
4313 Bridges	1,500	1,500	10,000	10,000
4316 Street Lighting	2,500	2,526	2,600	2,600
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	48,050	47,185	49,250	49,250
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	55	54	55	55
4414 Animal Control	200	60	200	200
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	1,940	1,940	1,940	1,940
4415 Health Agencies (Art. #10)	\$2,500 - Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee			

	Actual Appropriation 1996	Actual Expenditures 1996	Selectmen's Budget 1997	Budget Committee Recommended 1997
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Officer	55	54	55	55
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	4,112	3,000	3,000
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	2,000	1,752	3,000	3,000
4550 Library	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
4583 Patriotic Purposes	300	94	300	300
CONSERVATION				
4611 Conservation Commission	250	150	500	500
DEBT SERVICE				
4711 Principal.- Bridge	9,000	8,836	12,300	12,300
4711 Principal - Truck	10,000	10,000	0	0
4711 Principal - Grader	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	6,800	6,846	5,000	5,000
4723 Interest on TAN	10,000	5,584	10,000	10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902 1-Ton Truck / Plow	0	0	32,000	32,000
4902 Fire Truck	0	0	150,000	150,000
4902 Truck Plow	5,500	5,500	0	0
4903 Town Garage Doors	3,500	3,500	0	0
4909 Aldrich Road Bridge	200,000	213,559	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 Revaluation	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915 Fire Truck	15,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$672,325	\$662,074	\$648,215	\$648,215
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				
				\$454,591
				\$193,624

Budget Comm.: Patricia Bentrup, Chair, Frances Laurent, Robert Moore, Jr.,
Richard Frye, Michael Acerno

SOURCES OF REVENUE

		Estimated Revenues 1996	Actual Revenues 1996	Selectmen's Budget Estimated Revenues 1997
	<u>TAXES</u>			
3120	Land Use Change Tax	2,500	8,300	2,000
3180	Resident Taxes	8,500	8,780	8,500
3185	Yield Taxes	9,000	12,025	10,000
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	13,000	20,859	15,000
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000	150,855	150,855
3230	Building Permits	1,500	2,554	1,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,182	3,000
	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
3319	Other	0	29,725	4,000
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenue	15,000	42,053	15,000
3352	Rooms & Meals			13,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	51,453	51,454	56,221
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	15	23	15
3359	Other	170,200	107,879	75,000
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401	Income from Departments	1,500	2,669	1,500
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3502	Interest on Investments	4,500	3,318	3,500
3503	Rent of Property	2,600	3,150	4,000
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	700	7,530	1,000
3509	Other	500	1,280	500
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
3934	Proc. from Long Term Note-Fire Tru	0	0	90,000
3939	Fund Balance to reduce Taxes	45,000	45,000	0
	<u>TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS</u>	<u>\$453,968</u>	<u>\$500,636</u>	<u>\$454,591</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The major project this year was the completion of the Aldrich Bridge. The bridge was built by Miller construction of Windsor, Vermont. The cost of the bridge was an 80% - 20% program with the State paying 80%.

As was voted at Town Meeting, a new snowplow was purchased and new doors installed at the Town Garage.

We welcome a second Hubbard Farm to Westmoreland. This facility is on the River Road. It is now in operation and will add to the towns valuation.

The post office needs more room. We have renegotiated the contract to add 325 square feet and increase the rental cost. The Postal Service will do the remodeling.

We want to thank all the Boards and Commissions for their work during the year and also a thanks to the town employees.

In the ensuing year, the budget includes the purchase of a new truck and repair of the Hatt Road Bridge (or Sewell Bridge to you old-timers). A fire truck is also included along with an increase in the hours of the office secretary.

Even with these projects begin done, the Town portion of the tax rate will decrease slightly in 1997.

We welcome your comments and concerns regarding the Town.

Selectmen of Westmoreland

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory of Valuation

Current Use Land	\$1,786,075
Residential Land	\$28,125,500
Commercial Land	\$2,694,800
Mixed Use	\$1,788,700
Residential Buildings	\$56,814,700
Manufactured Housing	\$285,900
Commercial Buildings	\$2,133,200
Public Utilities-Electric	<u>\$954,400</u>
TAXABLE VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	94,583,275
Exemptions to Value	<u>142,000</u>
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$94,441,275

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall - Land & Builidngs	\$271,700
Town Hall - Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000
Library - Land & Buildings	\$81,900
Library - Furniture & Equipment	\$10,000
Police Department - Equipment	\$2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	\$94,600
Fire Department - Equipment	\$100,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	\$51,500
Highway Department - Equipment	\$120,000
Highway Department - Material & Supplies	\$5,000
Parks, Common & Playgrounds	\$100,500
School - Land & Buildings	\$787,300
School - Equipment	\$65,000
Historical Building & Contents	\$70,000
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	\$54,500
Misc. Land (7 properties)	<u>\$177,200</u>
TOTAL	\$2,006,700

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary Salary	8,500	8,475.00
Selectmen Salaries	3,000	3,000.00
Moderator Salary	225	225.00
Trustees Trust Funds Salaries	150	150.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	910	889.38
Trust Fund Fees	0	31.01
Printing	1,500	1,393.46
Dues	600	564.09
Notices	100	17.80
Tax Maps	500	500.00
Supplies	1,000	707.83
Postage & PO Fees	500	499.01
Publications	150	110.15
Other	<u>865</u>	<u>651.20</u>
	18,000	17,213.93

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk Salary	600	600.00
Town Clerk Fees	3,000	3,156.50
Supervisors of the Checklist Salaries	400	350.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	450	420.00
Clerk Election Fees	150	150.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	290	287.45
Printing	65	70.10
Town Clerk Dues	35	35.00
Notices	100	216.00
Town Clerk Workshops	100	
Election Day Dinners	160	160.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	600	928.25
Vital Statistics	600	690.00
Town Clerk Supplies	200	84.50
Postage	100	26.96
Town Clerk Publications	200	0.00
Other	<u>250</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	7,300	7,424.76

4150 Financial Administration:		
Tax Collector Salary	2,400	2,400.00
Tax Collector Fees	2,400	2,035.00
Auditor Salaries	200	200.00
Treasurer Salary	2,800	2,800.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	600	568.85
Bank Charges	150	133.91
Printing	900	1,039.10
Dues	80	60.00
Property Assessing	1,420	1,587.35
Registry of Deeds/Probate	300	323.68
Tax Lien Notices - Fees	500	340.00
Tax Collector Supplies	100	32.49
Treasurer Supplies	100	71.50
Postage	1,000	1,096.08
Other	<u>50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	13,000	12,687.96
4153 Legal Expenses	15,000	1,071.00
4155 Worker's Compensation	800	683.05
4191 Planning & Zoning:		
Clerk Fees/ZBA	100	110.00
Printing	100	0.00
Notices	350	361.57
Registry of Deeds/PB	50	216.32
Supplies	100	216.09
Postage	150	276.53
Other	<u>150</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	1,000	1,180.51
4194 General Government Buildings:		
Custodian Salary	3,300	3,300.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	255	252.48
Telephone	500	563.26
Mowing	350	541.00
Electricity	1,500	1,283.37
Heat	1,600	2,279.39
Property Insurance	1,800	1,061.00
Gas	125	61.61
Liability Insurance	3,200	3,167.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3,090	1,519.22
Supplies	200	157.62
Other	<u>80</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	16,000	14,185.95
4195 Cemeteries:		
Mowing	1,500	1,500.00
Mowing/Repairs	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	4,500	4,500.00
4196 Contingency Fund	2,000	1,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police Department:

Constable Salary	4,800	4,800.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	370	367.20
E&O Insurance	1,200	1,094.00
Operation - Gasoline	500	0.00
Supplies	430	840.50
Other	<u>200</u>	<u>179.25</u>
	7,500	7,280.95

4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service	9,500	5,506.53
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4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:

Training	2,000	770.00
Electricity	500	494.54
Heat	700	858.07
E&O Insurance	650	635.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,450	2,400.00
Dues	300	277.04
Repairs/Equipment	7,750	8,863.85
Office Supplies	50	30.36
Vehicle Fuel	500	526.06
Vehicle Inspection	<u>100</u>	<u>90.00</u>
	15,000	14,944.92

4240 Building Inspection:

Building Inspector Salary	1,400	2,298.85
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>100</u>	<u>175.86</u>
	1,500	2,474.71

4290 Emergency Management:

Civil Defense	15	15.00
Forest Fire Control	<u>1,000</u>	<u>891.06</u>
	1,015	906.06

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Road Agent Salary	28,800	30,182.00
Assistant Road Agent Salary	20,700	21,183.50
Part Time Salaries	14,000	15,212.50
Town Share Health Insurance	7,500	6,356.52
Town Share FICA & Medicare	5,200	5,093.17
Town Share Retirement	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,767.12</u>
	78,000	79,794.81

4312 Highways & Streets:		
Telephone	600	571.26
Electricity	900	1,086.29
Heating Fuel	1,000	1,386.45
Hired Equipment	4,000	4,744.00
Vehicle Insurance	3,000	2,400.00
Repairs & Parts	14,000	10,689.32
Tires	2,500	1,875.00
Culverts	2,500	2,904.00
Sand & Gravel	23,000	18,740.78
Paving- Asphalt	40,000	38,408.47
Paving-Shimming	13,000	10,270.70
Salt & Chloride	15,000	26,505.19
Vehicle Fuel	7,000	7,293.25
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	60	60.00
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,032.40</u>
	127,560	127,967.11

4313 Bridges	1,500	1,500.00
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4316 Street Lighting	2,500	2,526.20
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SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee	3,100	3,120.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	250	238.68
Telephone	400	418.04
Disposal Service (less recycling credits)	42,000	42,000.00
Hauling	1,500	1,088.80
Electricity	300	319.45
Other	<u>500</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	48,050	47,184.97

HEALTH & WELFARE

4411 Health Administration:		
Health Officer Salary	50	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>5</u>	<u>3.83</u>
	55	53.83

4414 Animal Control	200	60.00
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4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals:		
Family Services	1,640	1,640.00
Home Health Care	<u>300</u>	<u>300.00</u>
	1,940	1,940.00

4441 Welfare Administration:		
Welfare Officer Salary	50	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>5</u>	<u>3.83</u>
	55	53.83

4442 Welfare Direct Assistance	3,000	4,112.16
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CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing	1,500	1,702.00
Other	<u>500</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	2,000	1,752.00

4550 Library:

Library Salaries	7,650	8,252.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	600	631.41
Appropriation	<u>5,750</u>	<u>5,116.59</u>
	14,000	14,000.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags

300	93.60
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4611 Conservation:

Commission Dues	125	150.00
Other	<u>125</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	250	150.00

Debt Service:

4711 Highway Truck	10,000	10,000.00
4711 Partridge Brook Bridge Loan	9,000	8,836.17
4711 Grader	16,000	16,000.00
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	6,800	6,846.31
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN	10,000	5,583.52

Capital Outlay:

4902 Truck Snow Plow	5,500	5,500.00
4903 Town Garage Doors	3,500	3,500.00
4909 Aldrich Road Bridge	200,000	213,558.80

4915 Operating Transfers Out:

Revaluation	5,000	5,000.00
Fire Truck	15,000	15,000.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES

\$672,325	\$662,073.64
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Short Term Principal	575,000.00
County Taxes	188,677.00
Taxes Bought By Town	86,321.64
School District	1,613,835.00
Trust Funds	2,270.27
Abateements	1,956.00
'95 Accounts Payable	7,934.22
Temporary Bridge	6,250.00
Insurance Claim - Fire Dept.	512.00
Transfer of Funds - Jaws of Life(Fire Dept)	4,500.00
Refund of overpayment of '95 property taxes	6,865.92
Refund of overpayment of '96 motor vehicles	215.00
Transfer of Investment (Capital Reserve)	31,071.98
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,525,409.03

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$3,187,482.67

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$18,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,300
Financial Administration	13,000
Legal Expense	15,000
Worker's Compensation	800
Planning & Zoning	1,000
General Government Building	16,000
Cemeteries	4,500
Contingency Fund	2,000
Police	7,500
Ambulance	9,500
Fire & Rescue	15,000
Building Inspector	1,500
Emergency Management	1,015
Highways & Streets	205,560
Bridges	1,500
Street Lighting	2,500
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	48,050
Animal Control	200
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,940
Health Officer	55
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000
Welfare Officer	55
Parks & Recreation	2,000
Library	14,000
Patriotic Purposes	300
Conservation Commission	250
Debt. Service - Partridge Brook Bridge	9,000
Debt. Service - Highway Truck	10,000
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000
Interest on TAN	10,000
Interest on Long Term Loans	6,800
Snow Plow	5,500
Highway Garage Doors	3,500
Aldrich Road Bridge	200,000
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	5,000
Capital Reserve - Fire Truck	15,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$672,325
Total Revenues & Credits	472,373
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	199,952
NET SCHOOL TAX ASSESSMENT	1,581,800
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	188,677
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$1,970,429
Less-Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	31,878
Add-War Service Credits	10,800
Add - Overlay	10,306
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$1,959,657
Less-War Service Credits	10,800
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$1,948,857

1996 Tax Rate:

School	\$16.50
County	1.98
Town	\$2.27
	\$20.75

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen

For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer	\$649,825.56
Capital Reserve Funds (RSA Chap 35)	68,378.27
Recreation Fund	1,501.07
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Prior Taxes	3,168.63
Levy of 1994	70,841.68
Levy of 1995	84,783.45
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1996 (including all Taxes)	228,661.50
Prior (including all Taxes)	3,380.39
Less Allowance for Uncollected Taxes	<u>(14,848.96)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,095,691.59

Liabilities & Equities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Accounts Payable (Dec. 1996)	\$14,410.01
Recreation Fund	1,501.07
School Tax Payable	926,800.00
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>68,378.27</u>
Highway Truck	\$1,058.45
Fire Truck	45,891.77
Revaluation	21,428.05

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES \$1,011,089.35

Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1995	117,736.65
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1996	18,115.59
Fund Activity* (1996)	<u>(51,250.00)</u>
TOTAL CURRENT SURPLUS	\$84,602.24

GRAND TOTAL \$1,095,691.59

*1996 Fund Activity:	
To reduce taxes	\$45,000
Temporary bridge	3,750
Bridge rent	<u>2,500</u>
	\$51,250

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130 Executive	\$18,000	\$43	\$18,043	\$17,214	\$829
4140 Elec. Reg. VS	7,300	1,102	8,402	7,425	977
4150 Financial Ad.	13,000	124	13,124	12,688	436
4153 Legal Expenses	15,000	39	15,039	1,071	13,968
4155 Worker's Comp.	800	1,135	1,935	683	1,252
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,000		1,000	1,180	(180)
4194 Gov't. Buildings	16,000	9,607	25,607	14,186	11,421
4195 Cemeteries	4,500		4,500	4,500	0
4196 Contingency Fund	2,000		2,000	1,000	1,000
4210 Police	7,500		7,500	7,281	219
4215 Ambulance	9,500	900	10,400	5,506	4,894
4220 Fire & Rescue	15,000		15,000	14,945	55
4240 Building Inspec.	1,500		1,500	2,475	(975)
4290 Emergency Mgt.	1,015	866	1,881	906	975
4311 Highway Admin.	78,000		78,000	79,795	(1,795)
4312 Highway & Streets	127,560	976	128,536	127,967	569
4313 Bridges	1,500		1,500	1,500	
4316 Street Lighting	2,500		2,500	2,526	(26)
4324 Solid Waste	48,050		48,050	47,185	865
4411 Health Officer	55		55	54	1
4414 Animal Control	200		200	60	140
4415 Health Ag/Hosp.	1,940		1,940	1,940	0
4441 Welfare Officer	55		55	54	1
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000		3,000	4,112	(1,112)
4520 Parks & Rec.	2,000	793	2,793	1,752	1,041
4550 Library	14,000		14,000	14,000	0
4583 Patriotic Purposes	300		300	94	206
4611 Conservation	250		250	150	100
4711 Bridge Payment	9,000		9,000	8,836	164
4711 Truck Payment	10,000		10,000	10,000	0
4711 Grader Payment	16,000		16,000	16,000	0
4721 Interest-Long Term	6,800		6,800	6,846	(46)
4723 Interest on TAN	10,000		10,000	5,584	4,416
4902 Truck Snow Plow	5,500		5,500	5,500	0
4903 Town Garage Doors	3,500		3,500	3,500	0
4909 Aldrich Rd. Bridge	200,000		200,000	213,559	(13,559)
4915 Capital Reserve	20,000		20,000	20,000	0
TOTALS	\$672,325	\$15,585	\$687,910	\$662,074	\$25,836

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance - January 1, 1996		\$744,095.85
Received from:		
Cindi Adler, Collector	\$2,059,560.89	
Treasurer, State of NH	231,133.42	
Borrowing	575,000.00	
Interest on Deposited Funds	3,317.93	
Licenses & Permits	156,842.28	
Charges for Services	3,600.02	
Insurance Reimbursements	8,042.20	
Other Local Sources	41,305.63	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$3,078,802.37</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,822,898.22
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		3,187,482.67
Accounts Payable - Dec.'96		<u>14,410.01</u>
CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1996		\$649,825.56
On Deposit in NOW Account	\$649,825.56	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Cindi Adler, Collector:		
Property Taxes, Levy of 1996	\$1,720,427.50	
Property Taxes, Levy of 1995, Overpmt	6,699.00	
Property Taxes, Levy of 1995	215,925.00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,153.35	
Interest Overpmt on 1995 Prop. Tax	166.92	
Resident Taxes, 1996 & Delinquent	6,920.00	
Land Use Change Tax	8,300.00	
Yield Taxes	11,016.00	
Property Tax Sale/Tax Liens	69,247.47	
Interest and Costs on Tax Liens	10,705.65	
Total from Collector		\$2,059,560.89
From Treasurer, State of NH:		
Bridge Aid- Aldrich Road	\$93,790.72	
Highway Block Grant	51,453.78	
Revenue Distribution	42,052.68	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	13,221.62	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	866.30	
Other from State	23.32	
Federal Disaster Relief	<u>29,725.00</u>	
Total from Treasurer, State of NH		\$231,133.42
From Borrowing:		
Tax Anticipation	\$575,000.00	
Total from Borrowing		\$575,000.00

Income from Deposited Funds:		
NOW Account Interest	\$3,317.93	
Total from Interest on Deposited Funds		\$3,317.93
From Licenses & Permits:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$150,855.00	
Motor Vehicle Overpayments	215.00	
Building Permits	2,554.28	
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,132.00	
Dog Violation Fines	0	
Marriage Licenses	418.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	684.00	
Dump Permits	13.00	
Pistol Permits	110.00	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	701.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	11.00	
Junk Yard Permits	25.00	
Recording Fees	94.00	
NSF Fees	<u>30.00</u>	
Total of Licenses and Permit Fees		\$156,842.28
From Charges for Services:		
Post Office Rental	\$2,800.02	
Town Hall Rental	350.00	
Highway Department Services	<u>450.00</u>	
Total Charges for Services		\$3,600.02
From Insurance Reimbursements:		
Insurance Refund	\$313.00	
Workers Comp Audit Refund	1,135.00	
Liability Dividend	6,082.20	
Insurance Claim- Fire & Rescue	512.00	
Total from Insurance Reimbursement		\$8,042.20
From Other Local Sources:		
Ambulance	\$899.70	
Westmoreland School District (Mowing)	793.00	
Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Gas	526.06	
Town History Sales	275.00	
Telephone Company Commission	62.28	
Trust Funds	2,270.27	
Copies & Postage	51.49	
Town Share-Dissolution of AVRDD	814.49	
Miscellaneous	41.36	
Transfer of Funds- Jaws of Life(F&R)	4,500.00	
Transfer of Investment-Capital Reserve	31,071.98	
Total from Other Local Sources		<u>\$41,305.63</u>
 GRAND TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS		 \$3,078,802.37

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Executive Office	15,190.87	
Elec., Reg., Vital Statistics	5,311.43	
Financial Administration	12,393.15	
Legal Expenses	8,052.86	
Worker's Compensation	0.00	
Planning & Zoning	451.76	
General Government Buildings	13,046.62	
Cemeteries	4,500.00	
Contingency Fund	1,600.00	
Police Department	2,933.74	
Ambulance	9,248.00	
Fire & Rescue Departments	14,983.81	
Building Inspection	1,454.39	
Emergency Management	2,803.88	
Highway Administration	74,366.82	
General Highway Expenses	132,611.79	
Street Lighting	2,451.63	
Solid Waste Disposal	45,517.91	
Health Administration	53.83	
Animal Control	0.00	
Health Agencies/Hospitals	1,896.00	
Welfare Administration	53.83	
General Welfare Assistance	715.61	
Parks & Recreation	1,508.00	
Library	14,000.00	
Patriotic Purposes	201.60	
Conservation Commission	165.25	
Debt. Service - Bridge	10,000.00	
Debt. Service - Highway Truck	11,713.98	
Interest on TAN	8,058.06	
Grader	110,000.00	
SCBA's	12,000.00	
Road Signs	2,142.67	
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	5,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Fire Truck	10,000.00	
Transfers to Trust Funds	566.93	
Short Term Principal	525,000.00	
County Tax	190,784.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	112,950.86	
Westmoreland School District	1,560,382.00	
Trust Funds	10,879.59	
Refunds & Abatements	6477.84	
'94 Accounts Payable	5,595.22	
Temporary Bridge	11,250.00	
Refund of overpayment of 95 prop. tax	2,277.00	
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$2,960,590.93

FINANCIAL STATUS

Cash on Hand - January 1, 1996	\$744,095.85
Receipts from all Sources	<u>3,078,802.37</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,822,898.22
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>3,187,482.67</u>
Accounts Payable-Dec. '96	<u>14,410.01</u>
Cash on Hand - December 31, 1996	\$649,825.56

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Recreation Fund

Balance - December 31, 1995	\$1,461.77
Interest Credited	<u>39.30</u>
Balance - December 31, 1996	\$1,501.07

LOANS OUTSTANDING

1. Partridge Brook Bridge Loan-CFX Bank

Date of Loan - 12/31/92
Amount of Loan - \$45,000
Rate of Loan - 5.5%
Length of Loan - 5 years
Payment per year - \$10,000 for 4 years and \$13,002.29 for 5th year
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/96) - \$13,002.29

2. Grader Loan- Connecticut River Bank

Date of Loan- 12/29/95
Amount of Loan- \$80,000
Rate of Loan- 6.00%
Length of Loan- 5 years
Payment per year- \$16,000 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/96) - \$64,000.00 plus interest

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Year Ending December 31, 1996

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 1,992	\$150,855.00
Motor Vehicle Overpayments	215.00
Vital Statistic Requests	684.00
Dog Licenses Issued: 150 Tags	1,007.00
5 Group	125.00
Candidacy Filings	11.00
Marriage Licenses Issued - 11	418.00
Overdraft Charges	<u>10.00</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$153,325.00

BRIGGS, BLEEKER & WHITE TRUST FUNDS

Gifts were purchased for 124 students in grades kindergarten to 5th from the interest of the Briggs, Bleeker and White Trust Funds. These were given to the students at the Holiday parties on December 20th. Most of the presents were purchased at Learn & Play and Toys "R" Us.

The sixty-eight students in grades 6-8 voted to have a pizza party, which was quite successful. Soda was also purchased.

It made both of us feel good to be part of such thoughtful acts from the Briggs, Bleeker and White Trust Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Acerno
Gina Acerno

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees and Library Treasurer for the year 1996 and find them to be correct and properly vouched.

Walter Niland
Richard Frye

Auditors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts - Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

DEBITS			
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Tax	1996	1995	1994
Resident Tax		\$215,925.00	430.00
Yield Tax		1,670.00	1,360.39
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Tax	\$1,948,796.00		
Resident Tax	8,780.00		
Land Use Change	8336.00		
Yield Tax	12,025.00		
Added Taxes:			
Resident Tax	450.00	60.00	30.00
Overpayment - Property Taxes			
Lien Cost		6,865.92	
Lien Interest		1,343.00	
Interest on Property Taxes	262.09	4730.92	
Interest on Yield Taxes	11.65	3,743.69	
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	18.00	32.00	9.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,978,678.74	\$234,370.53	\$1,829.39
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Lien		\$80,247.72	
Property Tax	\$1,720,427.50	142,376.28	
Resident Tax	6,320.00	410.00	130.00
Land Use Change	8,336.00		
Yield Tax	11,016.00		
Interest on Property Tax	262.09	9,984.53	
Interest on Yield Tax	11.65		
Penalties	18.00	32.00	9.00
Abateements Allowed:			
Property Tax	3,626.00		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Tax	224,742.50		
Resident Tax	2,910.00	1,320.00	330.00
Yield Tax	1,009.00		1,360.39
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,978,678.74	\$234,370.53	\$1,829.39

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

DEBITS

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:

	1995	1994	1993	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$82,680.12	\$57,316.78	\$1,722.69
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$86,321.64			
Interests & Costs Collected After Lien Execution:	109.15	1,476.55	8,619.95	500.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$86,430.79	\$84,156.67	\$65,936.73	\$2,222.69

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer
During Fiscal Year:

Redemptions	\$1,538.19	\$11,838.44	\$55,870.84	
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	109.15	1,476.55	8,619.95	500.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	84,783.45	70,841.68	1445.94	1,722.69
TOTAL CREDITS	\$86,430.79	\$84,156.67	\$65,936.73	\$2,222.69

WESTMORELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary of calls for service:

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>Total Number of Calls</u>
Assist Citizen:	
Prowler Calls	3
911 Hang Up Calls	11
Suspicious Vehicles	2
Harassing Phone Calls	5
Assist Fire Dept.	6
Keep the Peace Calls	3
Animal Control:	
Missing Animals	4
Unrestrained Dog	3
Pick Ups	1
Nuisance Calls	3
Warnings Given	1
Juvenile Cases:	
Runaway cases/found children	3
House Checks:	
While Owner is away	2
Crimes Against Person:	
Criminal Threatening	4
Criminal Mischief	3
Criminal Trespass	3
Burglary	1
Thefts	4
Sexual Assaults/Rape	1
Domestic Violence Calls:	
Respond to calls by victim	5
Temporary Restraining Order	5
Firearms Seized	2
Burglary Alarm Calls:	
Adams Farm Area	4
Saddle Brook Tack	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	
Injury/Property Accidents	12
Suicide:	1
Respectfully submitted, James Brisson, Constable	

WESTMORELAND VOL. FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1996, the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department responded to a total of 108 calls.

Our current roster total is 23 members, 11 of which are firefighter/rescue personnel and 14 are firefighters. We currently have 1 certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I) and 3 members are currently enrolled in a EMT-I class. In May, we held the Forest Fire Warden's dinner at the Town Hall. The proceeds from this dinner will be applied towards a matching grant from the State of NH to purchase forest fire equipment. We are pleased to announce that our request for a state highway grant from the State of NH was accepted. With matching funds from the Firefighters Association, the department purchased a Phoenix Jaws and Ram. This piece of equipment will be used in cases for extrication of motor vehicle accidents and farm accidents. Tanker 1 has a used (new go us) stainless steel tank. Through mutual aid calls, the fire department attended a lot of large fires. Help us in helping you. We would like to ask that your new house numbers be placed on both sides of your mailboxes or posts. This will aid us in locating your house from either direction that personnel are responding. Please also remove your old numbers. The department purchased a chainsaw with donations in memory of past member Art Steinheuser. This will be used in aiding us at house fires, downed trees, etc. The department held its annual chicken barbecue on the town common and it was another great success.

The Westmoreland Volunteer Fire & Rescue department holds a monthly meeting on the Third (3rd) Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM. Any resident of Westmoreland interested in joining the department may contact Chief Harry Nelson or attend a monthly meeting. Again, we thank all the residents of Westmoreland for their continued support for the department during 1996.

Respectfully submitted:
Harry Nelson,

David Putnam
Acting Secretary

1996 FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

	<u>Number</u> <u>of Calls</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Out/Hours</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Personnel Hours</u>
<u>TYPE</u>			
Automatic Fire Alarms	10	3.25	12.00
Car Fires	2	2.00	12.00
Carbon Monoxide Detector	2	1.25	10.25
Chimney Fires	3	2.75	26.50
Mutual Aid	15	34.00	209.50
Medical Emergencies	49	34.50	126.75
Miscellaneous Calls	4	3.00	17.00
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	16.75	123.75
Structure/House Fires	3	10.00	124.50
Wires Down	6	3.50	24.00
Total	108	111.00	686.25

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year, the Library saw some changes which reflect the statewide library situation with regard to some important services the state library is no longer providing. Staff and volunteers are typing catalog cards from a shelf-list card provided by the state, where before, all cards were provided. The staff attended a workshop in SuperCat at the NHSL in preparation for printing our own cards when we acquire a suitable printer. Our summer program funds were also cut back 25%. Van service, however, has been our link with the state library system. We borrowed 248 volumes and loaned out 19 through Interlibrary Loan. Our association with Nubanusit Coop. is also a valuable connection to the state. Not only are videos swapped every other month, but information concerning state standards and policies, workshops and fund-raising is shared.

The Library increased its open hours to 22 per week, with added assistant librarian, Judy Fitzgerald, on the staff since March. She has handled many aspects of the Interlibrary Loan system as well as kept up on all the changes and provided support to the volunteers. She is also Director of the Friends of the Library. Seven different volunteers have given a total of 335 hours to the Library since March. Important projects have included: classifying the historical papers, journals, and a map collection, organizing the magazines, filing catalog cards, as well as managing acquisitions and circulation procedures, and inventory. This last project will be most valuable in clearing up the many discrepancies between our catalog, shelf-list, and actual volumes held at the library. It is also a requisite step should the Library become automated.

The Friends of the Library gave their time to help at the Book Sale in August. While sorting, setting up and selling books, packing and transporting them to Homestead Books was part of their service, they also held a tag sale which brought in funds which will benefit the Library. In the spring and fall, they helped clean up the grounds, windows and bookshelves.

Other volunteer groups included the Cub Scouts who decorated for Halloween, the four students who did community service at the Library, and the kind help of the Garden Club and others who planted flowers, bordered the garden with stones, and planted bulbs.

A marvelous VINS "Bird of Prey" program was presented through the generosity of a patron, and gathered some 100 plus persons at the Westmoreland School in March. Our summer reading program: Reading: The Best Game Around had an Olympic theme, 36 children enrolled, and the six weeks were highlighted by Purly Gates' storytelling and folk singing program, a walk through the fields, led by John Harris, International Fold singing with Kim Shonbeck, Puppets and Swimming (it rained) with Theresa Starkey, Indoor games and stories with Karen LeDuc, Olympic Relays with Susan West. 125 individuals enjoyed these activities.

Statistics included a total of 2,439 patrons using the library; 56 of whom were new. 5,348 material circulated, with an average of 72% fiction. The Library purchased 278 books, and 223 were donated. The first grade continued to visit the library throughout the school year, and a new class entered this fall.

With the increased need to become computer wise, the director attended two courses, The Electronic Librarian, at the University of Vermont, in March, which covered the importance of the Selection Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet, and Computers for Libraries, at Keene State College this fall. While there is still much to be learned by practicing these new skills, some background in the application of computers, the Internet, and its ramifications in this age will be ultimately useful to our library. As a colleague remarked, "We are becoming cybrarians." Indeed, that is the most challenging part of being a librarian today, since the abundance of information which can be

"downloaded" onto a home/office/school computer does decrease the need for the printed volume. Hence, it behooves us to acquire and keep a good selection of general fiction and nonfiction which pertains to the interests of our patrons.

Plans are underway for a plan to provide a public access ramp to the Library building which will be in compliance with the ADA requirements.

This has been a year of professional growth. Looking to the future, we are taking steps to prepare ourselves for the technical age. We would not have accomplished our goals without the aid of our volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT 1996

INCOME

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1996	\$2,872.58
Interest on Trust Funds	1,266.56
Town	4,900.00
Book Sale	195.06
Gifts, fines, Misc.	469.87
Summer Program Grant	150.00
CD Interest	312.03
Checking Account Interest	<u>51.03</u>
TOTAL	\$10,217.13

EXPENSES

Books	\$4,044.01
Magazines	204.87
Supplies and Office	275.15
Heat (Gas)	963.44
Electricity	266.49
Telephone	380.70
Equipment and Repair	474.95
Summer Reading Program	233.00
Dues	12.00
Maintenance	10.00
Continuing Education for Staff	782.50
Other (Software for computer)	<u>150.95</u>
TOTAL	\$7,798.06

Checking Account balance on hand 12-31-96	<u>\$2,419.07</u>
	\$10,217.13

Special Building & Memorial Funds in CD	
Beginning Balance, 1-1-96	\$12,123.80
Rollover, new CD 9-6-96	\$14,174.23
Balance in CD funds 12-31-96	\$14,429.28

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

Our Spring cemetery inspection showed us many stones in need of repair. We have had some interest from residents in learning the process of stone repair. A workshop that was planned for summer was canceled due to bad weather, but we hope to schedule again in the summer of 1997.

Spring began with the straightening of the brick tomb wall at the Pratt Cemetery. Three headstones that were badly cracked and/or broken were repaired at the Lord Cemetery. This old cemetery, which was once on a main road of town, is now rarely visited. We encourage you to visit our cemeteries that are such an important part of our local history.

A new granite post at the Canoe Meadow entrance is ready to be installed as soon as possible. We would also like to thank Walter and June Derjue for their help towards fixing the entrance by repairing, painting and stabilizing the wooden gate at Canoe Meadow.

Elke Hanna and her son Thomas assisted in our mapping chores by adding names to the East Cemetery maps. We continue to work on updating and creating maps of all of the cemeteries.

Future plans of the Trustees consist of clearing brush along cemetery borders and to continue with stone repair. We have also discussed the possibility of having signs erected to show the name(s) of the cemeteries.

Any questions regarding cemeteries, perpetual care or lot purchases can be directed to us.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn LaBarre
Carlson Barrett
Donald Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1996	\$1,481.40
Town Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Trust Fund Interest	2,078.67
Savings Account Interest	<u>46.92</u>
	\$6,625.59

EXPENSES

Tomb Wall - Pratt Cemetery	\$1,250.00
Stone Repair - Lord Cemetery	375.00
Granite Post - Canoe Meadow Cemetery	175.00
Records Cabinet	80.00
Mowing	<u>4,550.50</u>
	\$6,430.50

Balance as of December 31, 1996	\$1,676.49
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WESTMORELAND PLANNING BOARD

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30 p.m.

For 1996, there was a total of six site plans approved and one site plan pending. There were three boundary line adjustments and one additional line change that made two lots into one. There were a total of six additional lots through sub-division and one lot denied.

Wes Staples, Chairman
Reg Simino, Secretary
Linn Starkey, Jr., Selectman
Lauren Bressett, Alternate

James Ashworth
Linwood Burt
Thomas Hanna
Alan Johnson

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 1996, the Zoning Board of Adjustment had ten requests for Variances, four were granted, four denied, one withdrawn and refiled, and one was found to be improperly filed. Two requests for Special Exceptions were heard, both were granted, subject to limiting conditions.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for special exceptions and variances originate with the Zoning Administrator, Linn Starkey, Jr. Hearings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Applications must be in the hands of the zoning clerk, Helen Draper, at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

Zoning Board Members during 1996:

R. Bruce Smith, Chairman
Brenda Shelley
Barry Shonbeck

Peter Remy
John Burt
April Ferguson, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Draper, Non-voting Clerk

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued - year ending December 31, 1996:

One-family dwellings	3
Additions	9
Remodeling	6
Garages	4
School Addition	1
Barns	8
Sheds	3
Towers	1
Total	35

Respectfully submitted,
Linn J. Starkey, Jr., Building Inspector

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire Officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 224:27 II, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Robert Stewart, Forest Ranger
Wesley Staples, Forest Fire Warden



CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month except July & August. We continue to review Wetlands applications and work with the Zoning & Planning boards as needed. The Commission is pursuing the acquisition of a town-base map with updated tax map information. This would provide a base for overlays of soils, topography, hydrology, natural resource and zoning maps. This will be of value to the selectmen, planning board, zoning board of adjustment, conservation commission and the general public in making better informed decisions.

The Commission is planning a Spring Town Clean-Up in cooperation with Cheshire Sanitation and the Kidney Foundation. This is an opportunity for residents to dispose of their unwanted bulky waste like refrigerators, stoves and vehicles at no cost.

The Commission has updated the Environmental reference material available at the library and town hall. We welcome any suggestions or comments. Please contact any of the members if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall Patmos	Maxine Houle
Jean Rudolph	Frances Laurent
Mary Fredette	Walter Derjue
John Lukin	

HEALTH REPORT

Questions and complaints that were investigated by the health officer for the year 1996 are as follows:

Septic System failures	2
Septic flow onto adjacent lane	1
Fertilizer odor complaints	3
Power shut off	1

Respectfully submitted,

William Huntley
Health Officer

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

DISBURSEMENTS OF 1996 TRUST FUNDS

PAID TO	PURPOSE	FUNDS NAME	AMOUNT
Treasurer:			
Westmoreland Public Library	Library	Library Funds & Frances Neff Fund	\$1,266.56
Westmoreland School	School	Esty Fund, Fox Fund & Town Literary Fund	270.99
Union Meeting House	Union Meeting House	Johnson, Hall & **Woodward Funds	213.93
Cemetery Trustees:	North Cemetery	All North Cemetery Funds	979.89
	East Westmoreland Cemetery	All East Westmoreland Cemetery Funds	574.52
	Town Vote	Jotham Lord Trust	163.81
	All other Town Cemeteries	Gline, Chafee, Pratt, Canoe Meadow	360.45
	So. Village Cemetery	All South Village Cemetery & *Warner Funds	1,096.79
	Scholarship	Great Meadow Grange	100.00
Barbara Messer	Graduation Dinner	Lois Leach Fund	210.13
K.S.C. Owl Soccer Camp	Soccer Scholarship	Thomas D. White Fund	215.00
School Activity Fund	School Book Award	Susan H. Cutter Fund	20.00
Town of Westmoreland	Aged Needy	W. Starkey Fund	572.00
Town of Westmoreland	Christmas	Briggs, R. White & Bleeker Fund	598.27
Westmoreland Men's Club	Comply with terms of trust	Transfer of interest income to principal	1494.89
			\$8,137.23

*Adjustment to correct error made in 1991

**Adjustment to comply with terms of Trust Agreement

ADDITIONS TO WESTMORELAND TRUST FUNDS

DATE	FUND NAME	DEPOSIT(S)
January 11, 1996	North Cemetery Perpetual Care (Association) (NHPDIP)	\$5,757.21
October 08, 1996	Special Education/High School Tuition Fund (NHPDIP)	20,000.00
June 01, 1996	North Cemetery Perpetual Care (Marion Sailant) (CTC)	1,000.00
June 01, 1996	South Cemetery Perpetual Care (Joseph Simino) (CTC)	100.00
Aug. 30, Sept. 4 & 19, Oct. 7	South Cemetery Perpetual Care (Richard Butler) (CTC)	450.00
August 30, & Oct. 7, 1996	Michael J. Acerno Scholarship Fund (CTC)	3,175.00
		\$30,482.21
ADDITIONS TO WESTMORELAND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
December 14, 1996	Town Revaluation Account	\$5,000.00
December 14, 1996	Fire Truck Account	15,000.00
		\$20,000.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND FOR 1996

DATE	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
			BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAU/ LOSS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	
1965	Library Funds		15,605.94			15,605.94	1,185.13	1,063.00	16,702.83
1965	Cemetery Funds		40,042.71	1,550.00		41,681.09	3,829.07	2,818.55	45,708.97
1816	Starker, W.	Aged Needy	7,529.27			7,545.62	572.00	512.87	8,058.49
1965	Lord, J.	As Town Votes	1,981.38			1,985.68	341.37	147.05	2,310.29
1976	Palme, T.	Cemetery	993.63			996.79	1,273.80	143.54	2,413.13
1918	Briggs, O.	Christmas Fund	990.17			992.32	77.87	67.61	1,062.63
1976	Leach, L.	Graduation Fund	1,494.41			1,497.66	178.65	106.92	1,572.10
1990	Susan H. Cutter	Gramer	501.20			502.29	118.86	39.25	640.40
1983	Weland Men's Club*	Hist. Society	2,060.85	1,494.89		3,560.22	1,494.89	225.10	3,785.32
1989	Herr, Frances T	Library	1,002.54			1,004.72	163.76	73.84	1,160.89
1987	Ellen E. Cobb	Needy	9.34			9.36	7.63	1.07	18.06
1989	Gt Meadow Grange	Scholarship	1,002.52			1,004.70	100.19	69.81	1,074.70
1890	Esty, H.	Schools	882.39			894.33	62.40	60.45	954.78
1817	Fox, E.	Schools	990.49			992.64	75.22	67.47	1,060.11
1829	Town Lit. Fund	Schools	1,756.13			1,759.94	133.37	119.62	1,879.56
1985	Bleeker, V.	Selection Vote	495.31			496.39	109.21	38.27	594.56
1985	Thomas White Fund	Soccer Scholarship	2,394.92			2,400.12	1,070.58	219.39	3,475.09
1990	Donald R. Blood	So. Vill. Com Upkeep	20,044.83			20,088.37	9,289.09	1,857.05	31,224.51
1965	Warner, E**	Special S Vtl	990.49			992.64	243.25	78.10	1,153.92
1985	L. P. Johnson	Union Meetinghouse	990.49			992.64	75.22	67.47	1,060.11
1988	Woodland Mass Fund	Union Meetinghouse	1,307.76			1,310.60	98.16	89.00	1,369.19
1946	Hall, V.	Union Meetinghouse	495.42			496.50	79.56	36.40	571.91
1947	Hall, S. H. K	Union Meetinghouse	98.88			99.09	(34.16)	4.10	99.44
1992	D. Palme	Palme lot in Gtline Cam	3,007.22			3,013.75	542.40	38.20	3,549.03
1992	E. Palme	Palme lot in North Cam	501.20			502.29	117.99	38.20	639.48
1992	R. Aldrich-White	Children's Mass Fund	3,007.22			3,013.75	465.00	219.62	3,272.78
1994	M.J. Acerno	Scholarship	2,956.02	3,175.00	7.37	5,577.39	212.42	228.37	6,018.18
TOTALS			112,581.73	6,219.89	248.10	119,049.72	21,882.93	8,617.04	141,412.46

*Adjustment to comply with terms of Trust Agreement

** To correct error made in 1991

CAPITAL RESERVE ACTIVITY FOR 1996

PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDED-1995	ADDED-1996	PAID	INTEREST INCOME	ENDING BALANCE
Fire Dept.	\$19,377.57	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$1,514.20	\$45,891.77
Highway Dept.	1,008.05				50.40	1,058.45
Revaluation	10,628.74	5,000.00	5,000.00		799.31	21,428.05
Totals	\$31,014.36	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$2,363.91	\$68,378.27

DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

Date	Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence
12/29	Huntley Blair Bell	Blair W. Bell	Mary Sobey	Marlborough
3/16	Irene Biron	Unknown Cossette	Unknown	Marlborough
10/23	Gladys A. Blackstock	Marshall Chase	Minnetta Richardson	Gilesum
12/22	Edna M. Blanchard	William J. Reid	Anne Butcher	Keene
1/3	Ira Bowren	Charles Robert Bowren	Margaret Hennessey	Westmoreland
10/15	Herbert Oscar Boyle	Richard Boyle	Margaret Donovan	Swansey Center
11/19/95	Amelia Lena Braley	Alphonse Boucher	Julie Turcotte	Swansey Center
9/25	Edgar W. Braley	Weston James Braley	Edith Louise Murray	East Swansey
1/29	Helene D. Breivogel	Albert Breivogel	Wilhelmina Dallow	Westmoreland
10/27	Mary Bushway	Charles Gregory	Julia Archambeau	Keene
10/10	Donald A. Cody	Donald Cody	Gail Dupuis	Marlborough
4/13	Harry M. Caron	Albert Caron	Octavia Brooks	Sullivan
3/7	Madeline S. Chase	Charles Frederick Stevens	Hattie E. White	W. Chesterfield
5/4	Eleanor G. Conboy	George O. Gray	Mary Ellen Baker	Surry
1/19	Gertrude Augusta Couture	Augustus Carbono	Frances Gammel	Westmoreland
4/2	Thelma Josephine Dickinson	J. Edward Young	Josephine M. Supry	Westmoreland
10/19	Margaret Ann Dodge	George Carr	Mary McIlvory	Westmoreland
7/4	John W. Duffy	Edward Duffy	Josephine Warren	Keene
2/16	Phyllis Mary Fitzpatrick	Louis Melucci	Lucretia Petrone	Dublin
11/30	Gloria Ellen Fairbanks	Walfrid Hakola	Elli Raasio	Walpole
6/25	Maxine G. Fletcher	Walter Tuttle	Gertrude Boulet	Saxtons River
10/4	Eleanor M. Fuller	Frederick Clark	Mabel Ryder	Spofford
3/30	Jane M. Harris	George Morton	Hazel Knowlton	Walpole
12/20	Catherine S. Hazen	Fred A. Savory	Florence E. Davis	Keene
8/10	Sigrid P. Hewitt	William O. Pedersen	Jensine Unknown	Keene
12/30/95	Atie A. Hill	Isaac Hill	Matilda Unknown	Fitzwilliam
10/16	Katherine Irene Hoke	Unknown	Lovey Putt	Alstead
2/4	Marjorie Ruth Holt	Vernon G. Pratt	Nellie M. Wesson	Keene
9/18	Edmund Otis Howard	Frederic Howard	Christine MacKillop	Keene
1/20	John C. Howland	Herbert Howland	Lois Page	Spofford
5/21	Mabel M. Jordan	William T. Melaven	Hannah Barry	Keene
11/8	Dorothy G. Kelly	John Goutas	Hester Morrow	North Walpole
1/13	Ernest P. Knight	David Knight	Florence Harrington	Marlow
1/12	Ester Laakso	Simo Avraavainen	Anna Raikka	Westmoreland
9/3	Eleanor C. MacFarlane	Frederick Codey	Ida Lohmann	Marlow
5/30	Jennie E. Main	John Johnson	Elizabeth Hilbacki	Keene
4/21	Virginia S. Malcolm	Elmer V. Dow	Elizabeth Cameron	Westmoreland
11/29	Edna Carrie Parry	Clark V. Dow	Emma Felch	Westminster
10/18	Armas Peltto	Isaac Peltto	Hilda Koivumaki	Fitzwilliam
3/14	Floyd Pike	Warren Pike	Bessie Quinn	West Swansey
3/9	Florence I. Plankey	John H. Giles	Kate A. Wakefield	Troy
3/19	Francis E. Plumb, Jr.	Edward E. Plumb, Sr.	Miriam R. Rutter	Walpole
4/9	Doris E. Quinn	George B. Carroll	Alma Knight	Keene
12/24/95	Norris H. Robertson	George B. Robertson	Myrtle B. Ellis	Keene
9/7	Phillip Richard Rogers	Edwin Stanton Rogers	Edith M. Littlefield	West Swansey
5/25	Lucile C. Roosa	George A. Chase	Edna Roberts	North Swansey
8/13	James M. Ross	Thomas Ross	Elizabeth McKinnon	Westmoreland
3/17	Wladyslaw Rundzio	John Rundzio	Jadwiga Unknown	Westmoreland

7/1	Doris K. Seavey	George Kiniry	Margaret Jardine	North Walpole
9/7	Annie M. Shelley	Lawrence J. Shelley	Mary J. Woodward	Westmoreland
10/29	Kevin William Stevens	William Stevens	Pauline A. Lambert	Troy
8/7	Andrew Szmit	Wojciech Smyt	Joanna Petka	Chelmsford, MA
11/6	Eleanor F. Thompson	Guy Elliott	Clarabell Sargeant	Westmoreland
2/5	Helen Volkas	Castas Zades	Pauline Janoulatos	Keene
12/27	Gordon F. Walker	Frank W. Walker	Stella I. Carey	W. Chesterfield
1/23	Andrew William Wasil, Jr.	Andrew William Wasil	Rose Capolla	Marlborough
11/6	Marie Louise Wright	Louis J. Wright	Ida Mae Burnell	Walpole

DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
7/2	Lebanon, NH	Thomas J. Bowen	Thomas J. Bowen	Belle Mallory
5/7	Keene, NH	Ralph L. Carpenter	Ralph E. Carpenter	Myra Lord
7/24	Keene, NH	Sara J. Clay	Robert E. Clay	Margaret Lagerberg
5/8	Keene, NH	Lloyd E. Kenyon	Clyde Kenyon	Bertha Christian
1/8	Keene, NH	Nellie D. McClening	Albert Davidson	Anna Paxton
7/18	Lebanon, NH	Eli Marthe Siegel	Lawrence Siegel	Leigh Marthe
1/11	Keene, NH	Muriel Lee Simino	James W. Turney	Mattie L. McCoy
8/10	Keene, NH	Arthur B. Steinheuser	Emil Steinheuser	Marie Wunder

DEATHS IN TOWN

Residence	Name	Place of Death	Date of Death
Westmoreland	Clayton S. Keith, Sr.	Lebanon, NH	7/2/96
Surry	Rodney K. Robinson	Brattleboro, VT	7/31/96
Westmoreland	Marvin Wesley Snyder	Keene, NH	5/7/96
Westmoreland	Alma M. Jacobson	Antrim, NH	6/2/96
		Worcester, MA	4/27/96
		Keene, NH	5/8/96
		Keene, NH	1/8/96
		Westmoreland, NH	9/7/96
		Keene, NH	1/11/96

BURIALS

Burial Date	Burial Place	Name	Place of Death	Date of Death
7/5	Gline Cemetery	Thomas Joseph Bowen, Jr.	Lebanon, NH	7/2/96
8/3	South Village Cemetery	Richard J. Butler	Brattleboro, VT	7/31/96
5/11	South Village Cemetery	Ralph L. Carpenter	Keene, NH	5/7/96
6/4	North Cemetery	Ruth A. France	Antrim, NH	6/2/96
5/7	South Village Cemetery	William J. Hall	Worcester, MA	4/27/96
5/10	South Village Cemetery	Lloyd E. Kenyon	Keene, NH	5/8/96
4/24	South Village Cemetery	Nellie D. McClening	Keene, NH	1/8/96
9/9	East Cemetery	Annie M. Shelley	Westmoreland, NH	9/7/96
5/18	South Village Cemetery	Muriel Lee Simino	Keene, NH	1/11/96

MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
5/17	Westmoreland, NH	Drew Thomas Boudrieau Barbara May Monfet	Westmoreland, NH
11/30	Westmoreland, NH	Bruno Jean-Michel Dupeyron Sarah Elizabeth Huntley	Westmoreland, NH
6/29	Keene, NH	Gerald Dennis Cahoon, Jr. Elizabeth Mary Acerno	Westmoreland, NH Keene, NH
9/7	Westmoreland, NH	Thomas M Cairl Pamela R. Lynch	Westmoreland, NH
12/31	Westmoreland, NH	Patrick O. Davis Martha A. Maynard	Westmoreland, NH
8/31	Westmoreland, NH	Charles Joseph Horton, Jr. Susan Marie Castor	Westmoreland, NH
3/1	Westmoreland, NH	Stephen Robert McCabe Rosa Aurora Guerra	Westmoreland, NH
11/3	Westmoreland, NH	Michael John Newell Susan Elaine Spaulding	Shelburne, MA Westmoreland, NH
9/3	Westmoreland, NH	William Leon O'Brien, Jr. Victoria Lynn Goodell	North Swanzey, NH Westmoreland, NH
9/14	Swanzey Center, NH	Thomas Roland Schnyer Susan Mary Amelotte	Westmoreland, NH
8/30	Westmoreland, NH	William Lund Thompson Felicia Star Seagrove	Westmoreland, NH
3/31	Harrisville, NH	John Lawrence White Susan Cook	Harrisville, NH Westmoreland, NH

BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother's Name	Father's Name
10/14	Lebanon, NH	Adam Crawford Burnett	Jayne Elizabeth Tilton	Rand Steven Burnett
6/12	Keene, NH	Nathan Trevor Cleveland	Rebecca Jean Bittner	Lance Michael Cleveland
9/18	Brattleboro, VT	Harrison Peter Dews	Amy Susan Wall	Edwin Philip Dews
10/13	Keene, NH	Kyle Charles Horton	Susan Marie Castor	Charles Joseph Horton, Jr.
6/29	Keene, NH	Jacob Charles Hudson	Kimberly Ann Hudson	Not Stated
6/6	Peterborough, NH	Abigail Elizabeth Jones	Wendy Lee Driscoll	David Alan Jones
7/2	Peterborough, NH	Maxwell Leo McLaughlin, Jr.	Katherine Martha Schramm	Donald Christie McLaughlin, Jr.
8/6	Keene, NH	Brandon Michael Parker	Anie Lynn Churchill	Allen Jason Parker
8/12	Peterborough, NH	Elijah Mark Rubin	Linda Ann MacGillis	Jeffrey David Rubin
7/16	Lebanon, NH	Eli Marthe Siegel	Leigh Claire Marthe	Lawrence Siegel

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Representatives from riverfront towns in the Wantastiquet region have been meeting monthly to complete the river corridor management plan. Our subcommittee, made up of appointed citizens representing local business, agriculture, local government, riverfront landowners, recreation, and conservation, has been looking into the river issues we consider important to each community in the region. We and the other four subcommittees have created this plan completely by consensus. This is truly an historic event; no one has ever attempted to construct a citizen-based plan for a river as large as the Connecticut, and certainly not on a bi-state basis.

The plan provides a home-grown blueprint so that all of us - communities, landowners, businesses, agencies - can recognize what an asset a great river like the Connecticut can be to our towns. The plan focuses on water quality, fisheries and aquatic habitat, wildlife, endangered species, agriculture, recreation and access, bank erosion, and development.

The Subcommittee learned that one of the greatest threats to water quality, aquatic habitat, and water based recreation is bank erosion, a very complicated issue. Our study has also shown that our towns should consider carefully the potential effects of allowing development too close to the river. Flooding this spring and summer demonstrated that the river will use its floodplain for flood storage.

The plan is now being prepared for printing and will be ready for public review this spring. The Connecticut River Joint Commissions will invite the planning, zoning, and conservation commissions, selectmen, and the public to consider which of its findings and recommendations our town might consider for adoption. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about the plan to contact us in the meantime.

The Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee of the CRJC, formed in 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes riverfront towns from Walpole to Hinsdale, NH and Westminster to Vernon, VT. In addition to preparing the plan, the Subcommittee advises the states and the CRJC on actions that could affect the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm in the Westmoreland Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact the selectmen.

Please contact Jan Kos and/or Stuart Adams with suggestions or information.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Adams Janice Kos

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Timothy DeFreitas, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
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R. Bruce Smith

CLERK

Vacant

TREASURER

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Evelyn Hunter

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Richard M. Pike, Assistant Superintendent for Towns
Paul L. Bartolomucci, Assistant Superintendent for Keene
Deane B. Haskell, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of February, 1997

Kindergarten	15
Grade 1	21
Grade 2	19
Grade 3	25
Grade 4	24
Grade 5	21
Grade 6B	16
Grade 6	15
Grade 7	18
Grade 8	18
TOTAL	192

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire. .

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 11th day of March, 1997, at 11:00 O'Clock in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary district officers:

Two members of the school board for the ensuing three years
A member of the school board for the ensuing two years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year, from July 1, 1997
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 3rd day of February, 1997.

*Timothy DeFreitas, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Stuart R. Adams
Florence K. Gray
John R. Harris*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT
(FOR PRINTING PURPOSES ONLY; SUBJECT TO REVIEW PRIOR TO POSTING)

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said District on the 14th day of March, 1997, at 7:00 O'Clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Eight (\$58,588.00) Dollars for 1996-1997 special education costs and to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight (\$25,738.00) Dollars representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1996-1997 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum, together with the costs of borrowing, to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 186-C:18, or to take any other action in relation thereto, with the remainder, in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty (\$32,850.00) Dollars, to be raised by taxation. This is a deficit appropriation for the current school year. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Five (\$134,805.00) Dollars representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1997-1998 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum, together with the costs of borrowing, to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186-C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *[The Westmoreland School Board supports the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Six (\$1,968,196.00) Dollars. The Westmoreland Budget Committee recommends the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ten (\$1,957,210.00) Dollars.]*

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 19th day of February, 1997.

Timothy DeFreitas, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Stuart R. Adams
Florence K. Gray
John R. Harris

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1997-98 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$894,359	\$949,140	\$975,535	\$964,549	1.62%	49.28%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$96,333	\$3,511	\$90,134	\$90,134	2467.19%	4.61%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$227,694	\$232,155	\$305,487	\$305,487	31.59%	15.61%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,218,386	\$1,184,806	\$1,371,156	\$1,360,170	14.80%	69.50%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$355,349	\$394,350	\$412,970	\$412,970	4.72%	21.10%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.	\$32,508	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$33,820	2.00%	1.73%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$37,348	\$67,077	\$69,794	\$69,794	4.05%	3.57%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$425,205	\$494,584	\$516,584	\$516,584	4.45%	26.39%
(SAU#29)	\$80,686	\$81,953	\$80,456	\$80,456	-1.83%	4.11%
TOTAL	\$1,724,277	\$1,761,343	\$1,968,196	\$1,957,210	11.12%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1997-98 BUDGET

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$421,483	\$428,483	\$440,316	\$437,916		
Benefits	\$96,986	\$108,723	\$104,934	\$104,661		
Repair Equipment	\$775	\$900	\$900	\$900		
Conservation Camp	\$850	\$1,700	\$1,155	\$1,155		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$21,507	\$19,585	\$24,355	\$24,355		
Equipment	\$13,807	\$9,024	\$7,633	\$4,633		
Furniture	\$4,029	\$4,204	\$4,736	\$4,736		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$559,437	\$572,619	\$584,029	\$578,356	1.00%	29.55%
EXTRACURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,509	\$4,698	\$4,717	\$4,717		
Assemblies/Officials	\$1,876	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$1,950	\$2,122	\$1,661	\$1,661		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$8,335	\$9,020	\$8,578	\$8,578	-4.90%	0.44%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1		
Guidance	\$34,830	\$41,227	\$39,879	\$39,729		
Health	\$6,379	\$7,678	\$11,184	\$11,184		
Psychology	\$13,724	\$11,357	\$12,650	\$12,650		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$54,933	\$60,262	\$63,714	\$63,564	5.48%	3.25%

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$1,861	\$3,049	\$3,465	\$3,465		
Course Reimbursement	\$4,722	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Staff Development	\$2,997	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$739	\$579	\$380	\$380		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$10,319	\$10,878	\$11,095	\$11,095	1.99%	0.57%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$5,692	\$15,631	\$13,185	\$13,185		
Media Membership	\$10	\$930	\$1,008	\$1,008		
Library Books & Supplies	\$4,668	\$5,650	\$5,103	\$5,103		
Equipment/Software	\$2,470	\$2,563	\$3,114	\$2,614		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$12,840	\$24,774	\$22,410	\$21,910	-11.56%	1.12%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,185	\$1,579	\$1,796	\$1,796		
Legal/Audit Services	\$5,257	\$3,300	\$800	\$800		
School Board Liability Insurance	\$1,434	\$1,506	\$1,656	\$1,656		
Other School District Expenses	\$1,213	\$1,034	\$1,034	\$730		
School Board Association	\$2,260	\$2,260	\$2,260	\$2,260		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$11,349	\$9,679	\$7,546	\$7,242	-25.18%	0.37%

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principal's Salary	\$44,892	\$47,092	\$48,458	\$47,092		
Secretary's Salary	\$15,503	\$14,816	\$16,156	\$16,156		
Benefits	\$10,311	\$9,906	\$10,659	\$10,487		
Telephone	\$3,093	\$1,990	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Copier Maintenance	\$1,707	\$1,845	\$1,837	\$1,837		
Staff Development	\$531	\$600	\$600	\$600		
Postage	\$954	\$600	\$600	\$600		
Supplies/Misc.	\$3,371	\$2,700	\$3,120	\$3,120		
Equipment/Furniture	\$171	\$0	\$3,095	\$3,095		
Professional Dues	\$600	\$438	\$628	\$628		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$81,133	\$79,987	\$88,153	\$86,615	8.29%	4.43%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$18,819	\$19,262	\$22,104	\$19,824		
Benefits	\$9,467	\$10,379	\$9,960	\$9,549		
Rubbish Removal	\$1,730	\$1,993	\$1,680	\$1,680		
Repairs to Building	\$10,693	\$9,979	\$6,651	\$6,651		
Architect Services	\$11,097	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Water Tests	\$1,493	\$750	\$1,100	\$1,100		
SMP Insurance	\$4,189	\$4,293	\$4,612	\$4,612		
Supplies/Materials	\$6,162	\$6,040	\$5,942	\$5,942		
Electricity	\$10,859	\$9,802	\$10,500	\$10,500		
Oil	\$4,534	\$6,300	\$6,600	\$6,600		
Custodial Equipment	\$327	\$200	\$1,800	\$1,800		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$79,370	\$68,998	\$79,949	\$68,258	-1.07%	3.49%

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$72,356	\$73,804	\$75,280	\$75,280		
Athletic	\$2,000	\$1,872	\$1,404	\$1,404		
Field Trips	\$2,123	\$2,847	\$2,847	\$2,847		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$76,479	\$78,523	\$79,531	\$79,531	1.28%	4.06%
OTHER STAFF SERVICES						
Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Staff Physicals	\$164	\$0	\$130	\$0		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$164	\$0	\$130	\$0		
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400		
Transfer to Food Services	\$0	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$0	\$34,400	\$39,400	\$39,400	14.53%	2.01%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$894,359	\$949,140	\$975,535	\$964,549	1.62%	49.28%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	\$90,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$3,105	\$0	\$29,391	\$29,391		
Interest on Cat.Aid Borrowing	\$3,228	\$3,511	\$5,743	\$5,743		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$96,333	\$3,511	\$90,134	\$90,134	2467.19%	4.61%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$990,692	\$952,651	\$1,065,669	\$1,054,683	10.71%	53.89%

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$49,782	\$52,332	\$58,682	\$58,682		
Benefits	\$14,156	\$15,444	\$17,929	\$17,929		
OT/PT/Vision Services	\$2,980	\$4,240	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Supplies/Workbooks/Misc.	\$1,083	\$798	\$959	\$959		
Pre-School Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$4,100	\$4,100		
Elementary Out-of-District Tuition	\$147,100	\$149,761	\$215,223	\$215,223		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$12,593	\$9,580	\$5,794	\$5,794		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$227,694	\$232,155	\$305,487	\$305,487	31.59%	15.61%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,218,386	\$1,184,806	\$1,371,156	\$1,360,170	14.80%	69.50%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School	\$355,349	\$394,350	\$412,970	\$412,970		
61 students @ \$6,770.						
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$355,349	\$394,350	\$412,970	\$412,970	4.72%	21.10%
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$32,508	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$33,820		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$32,508	\$33,157	\$33,820	\$33,820	2.00%	1.73%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$387,857	\$427,507	\$446,790	\$446,790	4.51%	22.83%

	ACTUAL 1995-96	BUDGET 1996-97	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD 1997-98	PROPOSED BUDGET COM. 1997-98	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition 6 students @ \$6,770.	\$19,058	\$28,680	\$40,620	\$40,620	41.63%	
Tuition - High School Collaborative	\$16,917	\$34,838	\$29,174	\$29,174		
Transportation	\$1,373	\$3,559	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$37,348	\$67,077	\$69,794	\$69,794	4.05%	3.57%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$425,205	\$494,584	\$516,584	\$516,584	4.45%	26.39%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$80,686	\$81,953	\$80,456	\$80,456	-1.83%	4.11%
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,724,277	\$1,761,343	\$1,968,196	\$1,957,210	11.12%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
1997/98 PROPOSED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	1996-97 BUDGET	1997/98 PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD	1997/98 PROPOSED BUDGET COM.	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$22,028	\$0	\$0		
Amt. Raised by Taxes	\$1,581,800	\$1,760,753	\$1,749,767	10.62%	\$167,967
Tuition	\$5,418	\$0	\$0		
Interest	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Lunch Local	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$30,000		
Other Local	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800		
N.H. Foundation Aid	\$3,800	\$118	\$118		
N.H. Building Aid	\$0	\$16,500	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid *	\$92,248	\$95,460	\$95,460		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$5,072	\$37,805	\$37,805		
Anticipation Borrowing					
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Chapter 1 & 2	\$15,977	\$17,560	\$17,560		
Lunch - Federal	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Gym Bond	\$550,000	\$0	\$0		
TOTALS	\$2,311,343	\$1,968,196	\$1,957,210		
Less Gym Bond	(\$550,000)				
TOTALS NET OF GYM BOND	\$1,761,343	\$1,968,196	\$1,957,210	11.12%	\$195,867
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET COMMITTEE PROPOSED BUDGET				\$1.78	

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1996

ASSETS	Acct.No.	[1] General	[2] Special Revenue	[3] Capital Projects	[4] Food Service	[5] Capital Reserve
Current Assets						
1. Cash	100	18,688.51		1,856.36	1,721.50	
2. Investments	110					
3. Taxes Receivable	120					
4. Interfund Receivables	130	4,571.40				
5. Intergovernmental Receivables	140	128,775.88	4,752.31		1,456.00	
6. Other Receivables	150	1,915.70				
7. Bond Proceeds Receivable	160					
8. Inventories	170					
9. Prepaid Expenses	180					
10. Other Current Assets	190					
11. Total Current Assets (lines 1-10)		153,951.49	4,752.31	1,856.36	3,177.50	0.00
Fixed Assets						
12. Machinery and Equipment	240	153,951.49	4,752.31	1,856.36	3,177.50	0.00
13. Total Assets (lines 11 &12)						
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Current Liabilities						
14. Interfund Payables	400					
15. Intergovernmental Payables	410	8,844.32	180.91	0.00		
16. Other Payables	420	98,043.33				
17. Contracts Payable	430					
18. Bonds Payable	440					
19. Interest Payable	450					
20. Accrued Expenses	460					
21. Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	470	1,114.45				
22. Deferred Earnings	480					
23. Other Current Liabilities	490					
24. Total Liabilities (lines 14-23)		108,002.10	4,752.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity						
25. Unreserved Retained Earnings	740					
26. Reserve for Encumbrances	753	3,921.35		0.00		
27. Reserve for Special Purposes	760					
28. Unreserved Fund Balance	770	42,028.04	0.00	1,856.36	3,177.50	
29. Total Fund Equity (lines 25-28)		45,949.39	0.00	1,856.36	3,177.50	0.00
30. TOTAL LIAB.&EQUITY (24&29)		153,951.49	4,752.31	1,856.36	3,177.50	0.00

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 1997/98 EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS
(per Budget Committee Proposed Budget)

(Westmoreland Teachers' Association members funded at 1996/97 rates)

EMPLOYEE NAME	CLASSIFICATION	SALARY	BENEFITS	TOTAL SALARY & BENEFITS
Browning, Carol J.	Grade 3	\$26,032	\$5,519	\$31,551
Belsky, Nancy	Grade 6/Math.	\$39,535	\$10,977	\$50,512
Dellenbaugh-Dempsey, Caro	Kindergarten	\$23,001	\$1,953	\$24,954
Carlson, Leslie	Grade 2	\$37,340	\$10,456	\$47,796
Davis, Donald	Grade 6/Science	\$38,335	\$10,828	\$49,163
Deschenes, Paul Jr.	Grade 7/Social Studies	\$31,379	\$9,714	\$41,093
Durling, Karen	Grade 5	\$37,340	\$10,704	\$48,044
Martinez, Maria	Title One	\$37,340	\$10,704	\$48,044
Newton, Nancy	Grade 1/Reading Specialist	\$39,490	\$12,349	\$51,839
Murray, Joan	Grade 4	\$37,340	\$6,927	\$44,267
Zwolinski, Lauren	Grade 8/Language Arts	\$38,335	\$7,051	\$45,386
Morrison, Mee Yin	Art	\$8,715	\$3,706	\$12,421
Powell, Charles	Physical Education	\$12,883	\$1,094	\$13,977
Lezcano, Ana	Foreign Language	\$5,206	\$442	\$5,648
Wallach, Kim	Music	\$12,346	\$1,048	\$13,394
Newton, Nancy	Reading Specialist Stipend	\$2,160	\$246	\$2,406
McGuirk, Sandy	Kindergarten Aide	\$6,134	\$521	\$6,655
Buzuvis, Jeanne P.	Special Education	\$30,467	\$9,596	\$40,063
Muserallo, Martina	Inclusion Aide	\$11,050	\$3,914	\$14,964
Perham, Julie	Inclusion Aide	\$10,735	\$3,873	\$14,608
Sowa, Stephanie	Inclusion Aide	\$6,430	\$546	\$6,975
Slason, Celia M.	Guidance Counselor	\$27,618	\$10,871	\$38,489
Hamilton, Georgianna	Nurse	\$9,880	\$839	\$10,719
Fleming, Gail	Media Generalist	\$12,153	\$1,032	\$13,185
Harris, William	Principal	\$47,092	\$8,221	\$55,313
Acerno, Theresa/	Secretary (shared position)	\$16,156	\$2,267	\$18,424
Nelson, Debra				
Reader, Kenneth E.	Custodian	\$18,824	\$9,415	\$28,239
Brown, Tracey L.	Kitchen Manager	\$12,404	\$2,296	\$14,700
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS		\$635,721	\$157,107	\$792,827

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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 19 95 to June 30, 19 96
Return Original to State Department of Education Prior to July 15.

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 19 <u>95</u> (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$ 80,387.50
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)	1,477,000.00
Current Appropriation	
Deficit Appropriation	
Balance of Previous Appropriations	
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	
Revenue from State Sources	189,726.98
Revenue from Federal Sources	
Received from Tuitions	6,384.91
Received as income from Trust Funds	270.99
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)	91,928.00
Received from Capital Reserve Funds	
Received from all Other Sources	48,674.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,813,985.80
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)	1,894,373.30
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	1,873,434.89
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 19 <u>96</u> (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 20,938.41

December 3, 19 96

Susan Dodson
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 19 96, and find them correct in all respects.

Dec 11 19 96

Auditors

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GIVE DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	OFFIC USE ONLY
1	Jul 95-June 96	Town of Westmoreland	95/96 Appropriation	1,477,000	00
2	Aug. 95	U.S. Treasury	941 Refund	9,065	47
3	Jan. 96	State of NH	CAT Aid	96,078	47
4	Feb. 96	Compensation Funds of NH	Return of Contrib.	4,075	69
5	May 96	Savings Bank of Walpole	CAT Aid Loan	91,928	00
6		State of NH	Various	93,648	51
7		Westmoreland School	School Lunch	26,098	32
8		Keene School District	Tuition Refund	966	91
9		Delano Transportation	Bus Tickets	1,939	75
10		David Newton	Health Insurance	2,814	76
11		Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	2,412	54
12		Chesterfield School District	Tuition	5,418	00
13		Various	Gym Fund Donations	450	00
14		Miscellaneous		2,089	38
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54	TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR			1,813,985	80

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the School Board
Westmoreland School District
Westmoreland, New Hampshire

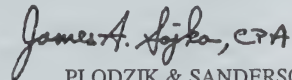
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Food Service and Federal Projects Funds of the Westmoreland School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Food Service and Federal Projects Funds and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Westmoreland School District in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Food Service and Federal Projects Funds of the Westmoreland School District as of June 30, 1996, and the results of those funds' operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

November 4, 1996



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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 12, 1996**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, R. Bruce Smith, at 11:00 a.m. The school warrant and Articles 1 and 2 were then read by the Moderator and after he declared polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year;
R. Bruce Smith -- 89 votes and was declared elected.

For Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years;
John Harris -- 307 votes and was declared elected.

For Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years;
Barbara Tarantino -- 280 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Treasurer from July 1, 1996, for the ensuing year;
Susan Goodnow -- 329 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing year;
Evelyn Hunter -- 337 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing year;
Cindi H. Adler -- 23 votes and was declared elected, but declined.

"Shall we adopt the provisions of R.S.A. 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Westmoreland School District" -- 148 YES, 197 NO -- Article 2 does not pass.

374 voters of the registered 911 voted -- 41 percent.

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 15, 1996**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, R. Bruce Smith, at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator explained that the District has been issued a formal written complaint for handicap accessibility, thus the closed circuit television set-up and the main meeting to be held in the downstairs room, with the overflow in the upstairs. The Moderator then reviewed the rules and procedure of fire regulations and then read the warrant and results of the March 12 voting.

Mr. Smith introduced the guests at the meeting.

A motion was made by Richard Daschbach and seconded by Jeffrey Miller that these introduced individuals should be allowed to explain or clarify issues raised during the course of the meeting in their areas of expertise. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

The Moderator then introduced Mr. James Brisson, the Town's newly appointed constable.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000.) Dollars for the purpose of constructing an addition to, and renovation of the Westmoreland Elementary School, and related costs in accordance with plans and specifications on file with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in Keene, New Hampshire, and to raise said sum by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District pursuant to the provisions of R.S.A. 33, the terms and conditions of said bonds and notes to be determined by the school board, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(This article is recommended by the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee.)*

A motion was made by Barbara Tarantino and seconded by Michael Acerno, Jr., to accept Article 1 as written. Florence Gray then spoke on the article as spokesperson for the Gym Committee stating that this money raised is to construct the gymnasium, and to correct the water, septic and parking problems now at the Westmoreland Elementary School. This proposal, the Committee feels, is a very realistic proposal eliminating the "grand" items from other proposals. It was suggested to look at the handouts - the green sheet in order to estimate the impact on the taxes in the next few years. Donald Watson then spoke on the proposal and explained what was to actually be included. He also stated that stage, chairs and tables are not included in this proposal, but the parking area expansion for the safety of the children of drop-off and busses, the septic system and the water storage area system are included. Sally Sullivan asked if the use of the gymnasium for meetings would be hard on the floors. Bill Harris stated that the School Board would set up policy for the usage and rental to encourage maximum use of the facility by the community and that there would be a possible one-year - no outsiders - policy put into effect. The community would have to work around the gym classes at the school, but it would be accessible to the community other than that.

Richard Goodnow questioned the status of the septic system as it is presently. Don Watson stated that one leach field had partially failed from trucks driving on it. \$41,000 has been set aside to completely rebuild the system, although criteria in Concord may change.

Stephen Breck questioned if the proposal is an estimate of the final cost. Gail Shelley was concerned that the cost may go higher. John Harris stated that in a bond issue, this amount is as high as it may go. David Adams spoke for the article. Kenneth Thompson stated that we have a plumbing problem with the pumping system and that in the village area there is an excess of 30 gallons per minute. Raymond Fedorowicz questioned the capacity for the gym and the number bleachers could hold of these. Donald Watson spoke to this stating that traditional auditoriums hold close to 500, theater in the round hold close to 350 and the exit capacity is far more. Harry Nelson stated that the fire code of the Town Hall is 50 people both upstairs and down and that the balcony is not being used because of the safety factor.

Jeffrey Miller questioned if the committee had looked into range of length of bond, and why was the 10-year length agreeable. Florence Gray stated that the Committee and the Selectmen both were looking for the length that would have the least impact on taxes.

John Harris spoke on the article stating that the school had need for a gym and classroom space six years ago, they are still in need of the gym. Safety alone is a main concern with the bus and traffic patterns, the water and septic system, and the walking of the children to the Town Hall to have gym class.

Charles Powell spoke on behalf of the children as their gym teacher stating the safety hazard of walking to the Town Hall, the instruction time the gym should save, justifying that the lifestyles learned early (physical fitness and encouraging healthy lifestyles) stay with us through our lives. He stated that it is a great investment.

Gail Shelley stated that the impact averages to \$1.50 per week and that is more than we spend on ice cream or coffee - it'll be worth it.

Joyce Clark stated that she had some serious concerns as to academic priorities and the financial impact on the average taxpayer. She questioned the impact of the Town Meeting percentage to dollars as well as the School if this article is to pass. Robert Moore, Jr., stated that the Town impact this year will go from \$2.13 last year to \$2.41 this year on a \$100,000 assessed property. Timothy DeFreitas stated that the school impact would be approximately 5%.

Motion to move questions by Barbara Tarantino, seconded by Timothy DeFreitas. Time 7:55 p.m. Ballot voting begins. The Moderator stated if one votes yes, one is voting for the article -- vote no, one is voting against the article. This article needs 2/3 votes cast to pass.

8:55 p.m. polls closed and ballots were counted.

9:00 p.m. announcement that there were 314 ballots cast, 209 were needed for 2/3 vote. YES - 214, NO - 100 Article 1 passes.

Jack Laurent thanked the people and the members of the gym committees and asked for a moment of silence in the name of Mickey Acerno who started this dream.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Barbara Tarantino that the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers of the District be received and accepted as printed in the annual report. The motion was seconded by Michael Acerno, Jr., and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee recommended the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Three [\$1,761,343.00] Dollars.)*

A motion was made by Barbara Tarantino and seconded by Michael Acerno, Jr. to accept the article as recommended by the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee in the amount of \$1,761,343.00.

A motion to amend the article to deduct the amount of \$67,450.00 from the recommended amount came from Walter Carroll. A second to this motion of amendment came from Frances Laurent. Walter Carroll then spoke on the amendment. This amount of \$67,450.00 is to include the cutting of the following: Extra Grade 6 teacher @ \$31,000.00, Chapter 1 Subsidy @ \$25,000.00, Elimination of Media Generalist @ \$9,000.00, Principal Salary @ \$2,450.00. Walter Carroll stated that he feels that the Chapter I is not necessary as the special education catches the students that fall between the cracks. The Media Generalist is a state requirement that even the school board doesn't think is necessary. The principal should be evaluated and not just increased yearly. Frances Laurent spoke on the Grade 6 extra teacher. She stated that this class has been a double class from grade one. She feels that at Junior High Level this class should be combined with a possible aide to help with the overflow. Elke Hanna stated that this class has 31 children in it this year, with a possible 32 in September. Timothy Thompson spoke in support of the need of the extra Grade 6 teacher. Also, for the need of Chapter One which this discussion comes up every year. "Disabilities stay with these children --- it's not like poison ivy, and just goes away. It cannot be ignored. We need Chapter I for growth and support to these children." Barbara Tarantino spoke on the needs for two sixth grades and on Chapter I. Chapter I is a new lease on life to these children with learning disabilities. Timothy DeFreitas spoke on the other issues. He stated that the principal is rated on a monthly basis. There was a survey sent to the parents in the community. The school board reviews these and makes recommendations. Tim also spoke for the Media Generalist.

Amend to Article 3 is not approved by voice vote.

Article 3 as written is approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to Ninety-Seven Thousand (\$97,000.00) Dollars representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1996-97 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(This article is recommended by the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee.)*

A motion was made by Barbara Tarantino and seconded by Michael Acerno, Jr., to accept this article as written. Timothy DeFreitas spoke to the article stating that this eliminates the raising of tax dollars.

Article 4 was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of R.S.A. 198:20-c, to be known as the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund for the purpose of paying future year anticipated special education and/or high school tuition. Furthermore, to name the school board as agents to expend the principal and/or income therefrom for the purposes of the trust, and to authorize the school board to transfer up to Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.) Dollars from unencumbered surplus funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1996, to this fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(This article is recommended by the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee.)*

A motion to accept Article 5 as written was made by Barbara Tarantino and seconded by Michael Acerno, Jr. Timothy DeFreitas spoke on the article stating that the large sixth grade will be in need of high school in three years with a tuition of \$80,000 or \$7,100 per child. As surplus is returned to town it can be placed in the dictated trust so as not to have to come back to the town.

Article 5 approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Barbara Tarantino asked that Barbara Messer come forward. Barbara Messer was then recognized and acknowledged for twenty years of service to the school and community. A resolution was then read and presented by Barbara Tarantino:

RESOLUTION
dated March 15, 1996

WHEREAS, Barbara Messer has, with dedication and competence, served the school children of the Westmoreland School District for the past 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, her duties as cook included preparing and serving meals, collecting lunch monies, and preparing graduation banquets; and,

WHEREAS, the people of the Westmoreland School District are most grateful to her for her long and devoted service; and,

WHEREAS, in the presence of her many friends, Barbara Messer retires with congratulations and receives the Westmoreland School District's sincere wishes for many long and happy years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the voters of the School District of Westmoreland recognize with gratitude Barbara Messer's contribution to the children, the school and the community by unanimously adopting this resolution as a lasting tribute to Barbara Messer, to be entered into the permanent records of the district.

THE WESTMORELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT

A motion was made by Michael Acerno, Jr., and seconded by Timothy DeFreitas, to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Cindi H. Adler, Clerk
Westmoreland School District*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

As has become characteristic of the Westmoreland School District, staff and community members have continued to work hard to improve the learning environment for its children. Your efforts have resulted in significant improvement of the facility, revision of curriculum, and efforts to improve communication between the school and community. It is with a great deal of appreciation and pride that I speak to a number of the positive and productive things that have occurred since the publication of my last annual report.

Probably the most noticeable accomplishment that has occurred over the last year is the completion of the gymnasium building project. This was the result of a great deal of planning, hard work, a tremendous sense of dedication, and strong community support. This addition will provide the staff with the facility needed to offer programs and activities that respond to students' needs and interests. It will provide for an expansion of curricular and co-curricular activities. Based upon my observations of students as they walked into the gym for the first time, I know it is an addition to the school that is exciting to them and one for which they, and I, are deeply appreciative. It will also provide the community with a facility that can be used for a variety of recreational and social events.

The Westmoreland community should be extremely proud of what it has been able to accomplish relative to the expansion of programs and building over the last few years. The addition of the kindergarten program, the completion of the gym and middle school classroom building projects, completion of needed site work, and renovations to other parts of the building comprehensively address the short, as well as long-term academic, social and recreational needs of the students and community. Congratulations on a job well done!

Improvements have not been limited to the building. Considerable time and energy have been devoted to the curriculum. Last spring the staff, students, and community participated in the *Our Town* project. The implementation of this whole school, integrated unit of study resulted in a better awareness of the students' knowledge of, and appreciation for, Westmoreland's heritage and history.

The staff used one of the additional teacher workshop days to focus its attention on curriculum revision. Primary and intermediate grade level teachers worked to develop and coordinate units of study and programs in science. Middle school level teachers developed units on the use of media in their respective areas of study. Many teachers have continued their efforts to learn about and integrate technology into their classroom instruction. A remaining teacher workshop day will be used to work cooperatively with the school board to establish goals and direction for the school.

Last year the Westmoreland School Board committed to the hiring of a certified media generalist and reading specialist. These two positions (part-time) have greatly aided student learning and have proven to be valuable assets to the staff at the school. This now brings Westmoreland School into full compliance with minimum standards required by the New Hampshire Department of Education.

There has been a concerted effort to enhance communication between the school and community. This resulted from a goal that had been established by the school board and from a need to respond to issues that have arisen at the school. I commend the efforts of the staff to expand the content of the *Curriculum Highlights* as a means of communicating what is happening at the school. Presentations by staff members and the implementation of the Principal's Forum have helped address concerns, issues and misunderstandings

between the school and community. Community participation on respective committees resulted in the successful completion of the gymnasium project, assisted policy development (homework and use of videos), facilitated the implementation of the *Our Town* project, and helped bring closure to the definition of quality education that has served as a guideline for staff.

The issue of communication and community involvement cannot be overlooked nor taken for granted. Much of the success that has occurred within the district is the direct result of strong community support. We all must work to maintain this. I encourage you to continue your efforts to communicate your ideas, issues or concerns to school authorities and to stay informed about what is happening in the school. I also encourage you to attend the Annual School District meeting on March 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Mission:

At the Westmoreland School we believe that quality education is a fundamental right of all children. The education and social development of each child is the shared responsibility of the community, school, parents, and the child. We strive to provide each child with the skills they will need to face the challenges of a changing world. As a community of life-long learners we will treat each other as worthwhile individuals.

The Third Annual Mission Statement Assessment data again provided staff with excellent information on how people perceive the school. We received a record 103 surveys, which makes this the most comprehensive response ever. In summary, staff and parents consistently feel that we have inquisitive students, showing involvement, pride and excitement about their class projects, and connecting their learning to everyday life.

Both parents and staff have noted improvement in students' use of positive language during confrontations, showing respect & support for one another, and in the development of mutual trust between the school and home, but these items are still at or close to the bottom of both the staff and parent lists. Interestingly, both staff and parents rate seeing and hearing enthusiasm, flexibility, and patience low on their lists.

For three years in a row parents have expressed strong concern that we are weak in adapting instruction to student learning styles. This item has consistently been highly ranked by staff. Clearly there continues to be a difference of opinion here. Staff agreed to try to focus more attention on communicating how adaptation of instruction occurs in their classrooms.

In applying this data to the mission statement I'm inclined to feel that we have problems, real or perceived, with some components. We seem to be struggling with "shared responsibility." Somehow we're not being as clear as we need to be in communicating how we "provide each child the skills they need." And we all seem to agree that we need to do better in "treating each other as worthwhile individuals."

Based on the data collected to date we drafted a district improvement plan which, in brief, is as follows.

I. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL

- a. Social Curriculum
- b. Integrate school-wide Skill Streaming Program
- c. Continue Peer Mediation program

II. DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS and TRUST

- a. Staff/Staff Trust & Relationship Issues
- b. Home/School Trust & Relationship Issues

III. IDENTIFY, TEACH, & DISCUSS TO INDIVIDUAL LEARNING STYLES

- a. Possibly hold a Parent Night
- b. Discuss specifically in presentations, Curriculum Highlights, & conferences
- c. Find and adopt a Learning Styles assessment or inventory

IV. TECHNOLOGY

- a. Showcase Technology Plan
- b. Technology Day

V. STUDENT ASSESSMENT, PERFORMANCE and LEARNING

- a. Develop a philosophy statement on assessment, student performance, and learning
- b. Clearly define what students need to be able to do and levels of proficiency
- c. Gather information from other sources
- d. List possible obstacles to progress
- e. Ongoing achievement data collection

VI. GENERAL ONGOING DATA COLLECTION

- a. Annual Mission Statement Assessment Questionnaire
- b. Student Surveys

This plan then led to the development of the school's 1996-1997 goals. They are listed below with brief commentary regarding progress towards meeting them.

Mutually Define Quality Education: Sue Castor, Linda Dumais, Carol Browning, Maria Martinez and I developed the following joint definition of quality education. It was adopted by staff and the PTA in January, 1997.

Joint Definition of Quality Education

Quality education means individual success for every child achieved by children, parents, and teachers supporting each other and working together. Quality education means promoting a positive atmosphere where children can feel safe to make mistakes, voice their opinions, and are provided the opportunity for exploration and discovery.

Quality education allows students to learn the skills to maximize their potential and feel proud of their accomplishments. In addition, quality education is teaching useful, practical skills that will prepare children to enter adulthood successfully while pursuing a worldly vision of cultural, humanitarian and artistic expression. Equally important are necessary educational facilities, materials, equipment, tools and resources.

Quality education means promoting a love of learning by emphasizing academics, appreciation for the arts, personal wellness, and study/research skills. Quality education means caring staff and parents modeling and nurturing the importance of education. These adults should demonstrate responsibility and respect for themselves and the community, instilling these values in the children. Quality education should also strengthen accountability, cooperation, sensitivity and manners. It creates a place of positive influence which generates a desire to continue a lifetime of learning.

Develop Students' Social/Behavioral Skills: The middle school's overall behavior management system is working very well as evidenced by 37% reduction in rule breaking behavior over the past two years. Staff have agreed to try to extract even more improvement out of our middle schoolers by increasing the level of parent involvement.

The primary and intermediate grades behavior management system needs development and refinement. Our general plan was to adapt a system of logical consequences similar to the middle grades due to its success and to insure consistency over the grades, better communication, documentation, automatic triggers for parent involvement, and progressive discipline for all students.

As a school we've also discussed the need to more strongly emphasize restitution in response to the perception that "victims" rights are being abridged. Many staff have sought professional development opportunities to enhance the modeling, teaching, and establishing of pro-social skills and positive interpersonal relationships.

During the fall of 1996, staff have also introduced and addressed a Social Skill of the Week. The skills are from the Skill streaming Program and the weekly details are in Curriculum Highlights so that parents can model and reinforce these skills at home.

Develop Better Relationships and Trust: Teachers have agreed to use their final workshop day to meet with the School Board in the spirit of collaboration to mutually discuss vision, direction, goals, and priorities. The staff has also rekindled their efforts to communicate with parents more frequently and in depth. The new Curriculum Highlights format is a major quality indicator of the staff's commitment to this goal and to their professionalism as well.

The PTA continues to make a positive impact on the school. They have had excellent discussions concerning the organization's role, and how to better protect it in light of the potential for controversy. Staff, parents, and the school board have redoubled their efforts to highlight the need to follow published protocol for addressing individual or group concerns

Principal's Forums were established and will continue on the first Wednesday of the month. The meeting's topics have been about student safety and discipline, homework in the middle school, report cards and the primary and intermediate behavior management system. The discussions have very balanced, positive and productive and I hope that people felt that they were heard, and that they heard the views of others.

Identify, Teach To, and Discuss Individual Learning Styles: Curriculum Highlights has been our primary vehicle for helping parents understand what is occurring in the classrooms. It's lengthy but it is superb. Staff are also trying to speak more clearly during phone calls and conferences with parents about the individual learning styles of their children, and what is being done in the classroom to match instruction to learning style or to improve a weakness.

The Instructional Support Team has met biweekly to assist staff in analyzing student needs and learning styles, and collaboratively brainstorms with staff to tailor instruction to individual students.

Enhance Our Use of Technology: Thirteen staff members received technology training last summer. In the school you'll now see a local-talk network, MacSchool as our school-wide management system, ClarisWorks as our primary productivity software package, FileMaker Pro for and special education. Future goals include, increased Internet connectivity in the middle school and library, and possibly dial-in access to our server for staff and student use.

Student Assessment, Performance and Learning: The IST has become the coordinating body for any and all general educational issues that come before the school. Such topics include assessment, rubric development, looping, gifted & talented programs, the effectiveness study, test data analysis.

All staff have reviewed the entire N.H. K-12 English Language Arts Curriculum Frameworks and measured the state's recommendations against the implementation of the SAU 29 curriculum in their own classes. Each framework objective was rated as done exceedingly well, done pretty well, not done very well, or not done at all. The N.H. K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks Analysis used the same process as described for the Language Arts analysis.

Don Davis presented the New Hampshire K-12 Science Curriculum Frameworks to the primary and intermediate staff. Many staff members have made improving science instruction a major focus of their professional growth work this year.

The new 1995 continuum was presented to staff by Paul Deschenes. Like all other curriculum revisions it has taken strongly into account the NH K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Framework. It also helps to bring the towns more in line with Keene to facilitate the transition to the high school.

We continue to look closely at all testing data that is available to us. The January/February edition of Curriculum Highlights contains a discussion on how our third and sixth graders fared with the Statewide Assessments. The California Achievement Test results from 1986-1996 are fully organized and ready to be shared with a study committee of Rich Pike, Jeanne Buzuvis and myself.

We have added the position of Reading Specialist and Media Generalist to the school. These positions now bring the Westmoreland School into full compliance with state standards. The Reading Specialist position is geared towards the prevention of reading difficulties and targets the primary grades for interventionary work. In addition, the Reading Specialist provides consultation for intermediate and middle grade teachers when needed. The Media Generalist position enhances our school library.

Keene State College selected the Westmoreland School as a Student Teaching Center last fall. This was an honor and a privilege for the school; speaking to the high reputation the school has earned and enjoys. Nancy Belsky was selected as the Site Supervisor for the Center, and the experience was a rewarding one for both the college and the school.

Three large scale curriculum projects were undertaken by staff during 1996-1997. The three projects are Science Curriculum Coordination, development of a Media Influence Unit, and the Computer Literacy Project.

The staff and PTA developed the following philosophy statement on homework. The statement may inject some balance and common ground into the practice.

Homework increases learning time and promotes student responsibility and self-discipline. In addition, homework should prepare the student for academic responsibilities in future classes. Homework will supplement and reinforce skills and concepts taught in the classroom. It should be a rewarding experience, providing challenges, enrichment, and at times, drill when appropriate. Homework may also allow a student to complete an unfinished task. Homework should involve the family and helps teachers and parents to better understand the home to school and school to home connections.

It is interesting that we often hear from our middle school parents that students receive too much homework, and then hear from high school parents that we didn't assign enough homework to fully prepare our students for the rigors of high school. Staff meet weekly to discuss assignments and their coordination, a master calendar is kept for staff and student use, and a Master Notebook System have been implemented to enhance the value and management of homework.

Middle school staff also encountered a need to take a strong stand on cheating and drafted the following statement.

Cheating undermines and destroys the learning process by putting the achievement of a grade above the value of learning. Cheating hinders students' moral and ethical development, and in some cases is a violation of law. Cheating will not be tolerated at the Westmoreland School.

Parents of students who are caught cheating will be called immediately. Students will receive a zero for the assignment they were caught cheating on, regardless of the relative importance of the assignment. Students will also be assigned to supervised study to honestly work to complete and learn the assigned material, however this work will not count for grading purposes.

The Our Town: Westmoreland Project was a high point of the last year. Every student and many parents and townspeople were involved in the interdisciplinary event that captured the history and culture of the town. The Project Exhibition Day was held on June 8th, and was highly successful. Paul Deschenes completed a survey that showed a 90% approval for the Our Town Project, and that most of the respondents would like to do a similar school-wide theme in the future.

We were proud to be involved with two on-line science projects that involved data collection from all over the world. The first project involved the Hubble Space Telescope and NASA. The second project involves the EPA and a high school in Nevada in a gathering of radon gas data for a global study. We are the only school to represent New Hampshire in either of these projects.

Other items of note are that Nancy Belsky presented a math workshop, and Celia Slason and Nancy Newton presented Project Read to primary and intermediate staff. The Writing Partners Project continues at the Westmoreland School. Algebra continues to be offered to six of our eighth graders. Nancy Belsky's "Math In The Real World" program has invited in several outside presenters monthly to show how math is used in the world of work. Lee Johnson, MacMillin's Site Supervisor and George Laine were among the first to visit Nancy's classes. The block schedule has worked out beautifully now that we again have four classes in the middle school. Our fifth grade is participating in the DARE program. Constable, Jim Brisson has given our school priority in scheduling this seventeen week program.

Representatives from the state reviewed all of our special education files, compliance data, and interviewed staff and parents as part of a five year special education review cycle. Of the six deficiencies cited in our 1991 review, all were fully corrected. The reviewers stated that our special education department was excellent. They listed eight commendations and only one citation, which was corrected the next day.

Nancy Newton created twenty "Reading Bags" for Westmoreland preschoolers each containing a concept book (ABC's, shapes, colors, numbers) and educational activities. Our goal is two-fold, one is to enrich the lives of our preschoolers, and the other is to begin to build trusting relationships with parents before their children arrive in kindergarten.

The single greatest facility related item to discuss is the construction of the new gym. Wow! What a positive district meeting last March and what a terrific community effort the project was. Flossie Gray, Don Watson, Terry Cox, and the rest of the committee deserve a lot of credit for getting this project approved and completed. The MacMillin Company's high quality work progressed smoothly. Hand in hand with the gym project were the additions of a new septic system, a new high capacity water pump in the well, and a new driveway for safer loading and unloading of buses. Please remember that the Fund-Raising Committee is still offering mugs, and square feet to aid in the equipping of the gym.

We undertook a number of maintenance related project this year. Among them are upgrades to the burglar and fire alarm systems, bringing the school into compliance with new fire codes, new primary bathroom Floors, work on the ever finicky heating systems, and installing energy efficient lighting in the old part of the school.

One of our nagging problems over the past few years has been the leaky roof on the new classroom addition. The feeling is that heat may be escaping causing melting and refreezing. Ted Ferguson installed vents but unfortunately there were already many inches of snow on the roof and it severely leaked shortly thereafter. Last summer Builders Insulation added 6" of insulation, repaired and reset the existing insulation, and checked and repaired the proper vents.

For the second year in a row, the PTA's After K/After School Program Steering Committee recommended that the Keene Family YMCA be hired for school year 96-97.

The Cheshire County YMCA's American Heritage Tour program continues to thrive at the Westmoreland School. Each fall our eighth graders get to spend a week in Washington and Philadelphia.

The date of the Annual Sports Awards Banquet was June 10, 1996. The following students were recognized:

Ann Bergeron Sportsmanship Award:	Steve Soboleski & Johanna Daley
Thomas D. White Award:	Mary Fredette
Jamie Hurley Award:	Thomas Hanna
Boys Athlete of the Year:	Joshua Ferenc
Girls Athlete of the Year:	Meade Harris

In closing this year's annual report I'd like to relate a short NHDI story. Dee Fedorowicz shared a student bio with me, written by Westmoreland's own Nick "Galileo" Berthiaume. Part of the bio was how NHDI has influenced him.

Nick writes, "NHDI influenced my life by giving me the confidence to know that I can achieve any of my goals with hard work and dedication. It has improved my self-esteem, given me a chance to meet friends from other communities, and has shown me that music and dance is something that I enjoy and am good at. I hope that I can take with me the knowledge I have learned by being a member of NHDI and continuing to perform on stage for fun for now. Someday I hope to go to college and politics is a definite possibility for me."

Well said Nick, you have my vote.

Respectfully submitted,

William Harris

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William Harris	Principal
Theresa Acerno	Secretary
Debra Nelson	Secretary
Nancy Belsky	Grade 6-Math
Carol Browning	Grade 3
Jeanne Buzuvis	Special Education
Leslie Carlson	Grade 2
Donald Davis	Grade 6-Science
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Paul Deschenes, Jr.	Grade 7-Social Studies
Karen Durling	Grade 5
Gail Fleming	Media Generalist
Ana Lezcáno	Foreign Language
Maria Martinez	Title I
Mee Yin Morrison	Art
Joan Murray	Grade 4
Nancy Newton	Grade 1/Reading Specialist
Charles Powell	Physical Education
Celia Slason	School Counselor
Kim Wallach	Music
Lauren Zwolinski	Grade 8-Language Arts
Sandy McGuirk	Kindergarten Aide
Martina Muserallo	Inclusionary Aide
Julie Perham	Inclusionary Aide
Stephanie Sowa	Inclusionary Aide
Susan Brennan-Sawyer	School Psychologist
Joseph Columbo	Educational Evaluator
Cheryl Evans	Speech Therapist
Janet Finesilver	Occupational Therapist
Georgianna Hamiton	School Nurse
Tracey Brown	School Lunch
Ken Reader	Custodian

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL

1996-1997 SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

The Health Office has been busy this year. We are in transition, as Joy Kempton left in November to take a full-time position at Keene High School. We miss her and wish her well.

The year started off with a renewed effort to control and eradicate pediculosis. Additional nursing personnel were required and the problem, for the time being, is under control. We remain vigilant.

Sports physicals were completed in early September by Dr. Sutton. She will be returning in January to do physical exams on the 4th and 7th grade students, as it is a requirement by the State of New Hampshire. Hearing, vision, height, weight and scoliosis screenings are an ongoing process.

The Annual Immunization Report was calculated and sent to Concord completed, as mandated by the state.

Flu vaccine was offered and given in early November to the staff.

We have a number of children with chronic health problems which continue to be a challenge to all staff involved.

Visits to the Health Office are as follows:

Medication	1,470
Illness, first aid	967
Sports physicals	11
Physicals on 4th and 7th grades	26

G. Harden Hamilton, RN
School Nurse

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

This is my second year at Westmoreland School and we are continuing to work with the Keene School District Food Service Program. By working with Keene, the program is profitable, but has hit some "bumps" this year. Back in November, the freezer door was left open over a long weekend and all of the food spoiled, so this took a bit out of the lunch program.

Menus are coordinated with Keene, Marlborough, Nelson and Marlow. They meet U.S. guidelines for calories, fat, saturated fat, protein, iron, calcium, and vitamins A and C. Menus are made up from government commodities. This year we have enjoyed things like baked chicken, hamburgers, fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, ham, cheese, turkeys, and meatballs.

Lunch counts are down from last year, but still look good. As always, if an item on the menu is not a big hit, I will do my best to remove it from future menus. Please feel free to come in and see me at any time during the school year with questions or concerns. I will continue to do my best to make lunch enjoyable for everyone.

I would like to take the time to thank the parents who come into the kitchen to help with lunch.

Tracey Brown
Cook

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